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User Manual

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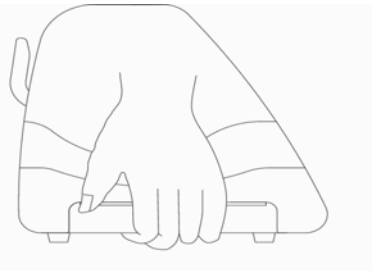
Important Information

Thank you for purchasing the ***GCC Jaguar IV Cutting Plotter.***
Before you use the cutting plotter, please make sure that you have read the safety precautions and instructions below.

Caution

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS!

- For safety concern, please always hold the cutter firmly **from the bottom** while moving it. Do not move the cutter by clasping the depression area on both sides.



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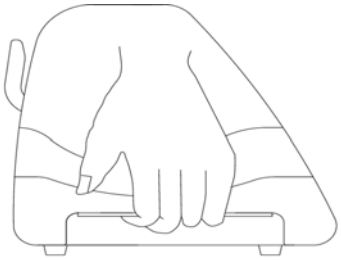

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- Do not shake or drop the blade holder, a blade tip can fly out.
- During an operation, do not touch any of the moving parts of this machine (such as the carriage). Also be careful to make sure that clothing and hair do not get caught.
- Always connect the power cable to a grounded outlet.
- Always use the accessory power cable which is provided. Do not wire the power cable so that it becomes bent or caught between objects.
- Do not connect the power cable to branching outlet to which other machines are also connected, or use an extension cable. There is danger of overheating and of mis-operation of the machine.
- Keep the tools away from children where they can reach.
- Always put the pinch rollers within the white marks.

Warning

Never press the top release grip and pull the bottom release grip at the same time as the pictures shown below:

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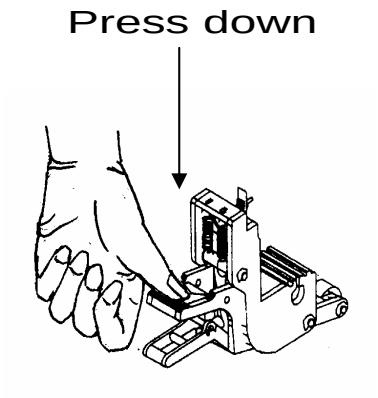

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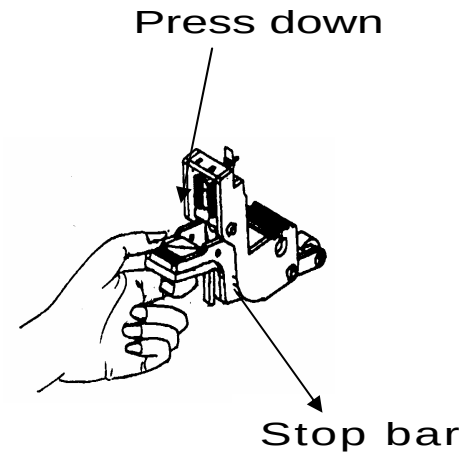

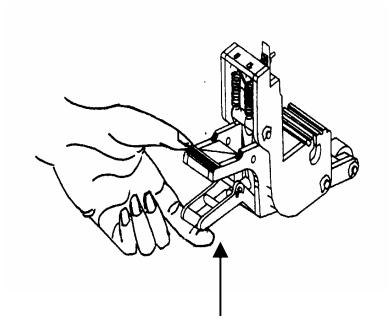

ENABLE

Note:

In case the grips clipped together due to your wrong operation, please use a tweezers to pull out the stop bar when pressing down the top release grip. Keep the stop bar outside then release the grips as the right figure.

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1. General Information

1.1 Introduction

Jaguar IV series cutting plotters have been designed to produce computer-generated images or perform contour cutting on sheets or rolls of vinyl media.

This manual covers the following models of Jaguar IV series cutting plotters:

• J4-61	for media width: 50mm(1.97”) ~ 770mm(30.3”)
• J4-101S	for media width: 50mm(1.97”) ~ 1270mm(50”)
• J4-132S	for media width: 50mm(1.97”) ~ 1594mm(62.7”)
• J4-183S	for media width: 300mm(11.8”) ~ 1900mm(74.8”)

1.2 Package Items

The package of the Jaguar IV model contents the items listed below, please check carefully. If you find any item missing, please consult your local dealer for further assistance.

<table>
<tr><th>Standard Item</th><th>Quantity</th></tr>
<tr><td>1. Cutting Plotter</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Stand Set (for J4-101S/132S/183S only)(Optional for J4-61)
● 2 piece of T-shape stand
● 1 piece of stand beam
● 18 pieces of M6 screws
● 1 piece of M5 L-shape hexagon screw driver
● 1 piece of Installation Guide for Stand Set</td><td>1</td></tr>
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<tr><td>1 set of Roll Media Flange (2 pieces)</td><td>V</td><td>V</td></tr>
<tr><td>1 set of Roll Holder (2 pieces)</td><td>V</td><td>V</td></tr>
<tr><td>1 set of Roll Holder Guide Bushes (4 pieces)</td><td>V</td><td>V</td></tr>
<tr><td>1 set of Roll Holder Support (2 pieces)</td><td>V</td><td>V</td></tr>
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<tr><td>1 piece of M5 L-shape hexagon screw driver</td><td></td><td>V</td></tr>
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4. Accessories ● 1 piece of User's Compact Disk ● 1 piece of AC power Cord ● 1 piece of data cable (RS-232C) ● 1 piece of data cable (USB cable) ● 1 set of Blade Holder Assembly (Installed in tool carriage of the cutting plotter) ● 1 piece of Blade (Installed in Blade Holder) ● 1 piece of Safe Blade ● 1 piece of Cutting Pad for Vinyl cutting ● 1 piece of Tweezers ● 1 piece of Promise Card	**1**

1.3 Product Features

The following are the main features of the Jaguar IV series cutting plotters:

- Tri-port connectivity provides you with greater flexibility
- Up to 600-gram cutting force
- Up to 60-inch/per second cutting speed
- Guaranty 10-meter tracking
- User friendly, multi-language control panel
- Ingenious media basket (optional item)
- Enhanced Accu-Aligning System for automatic contour cutting

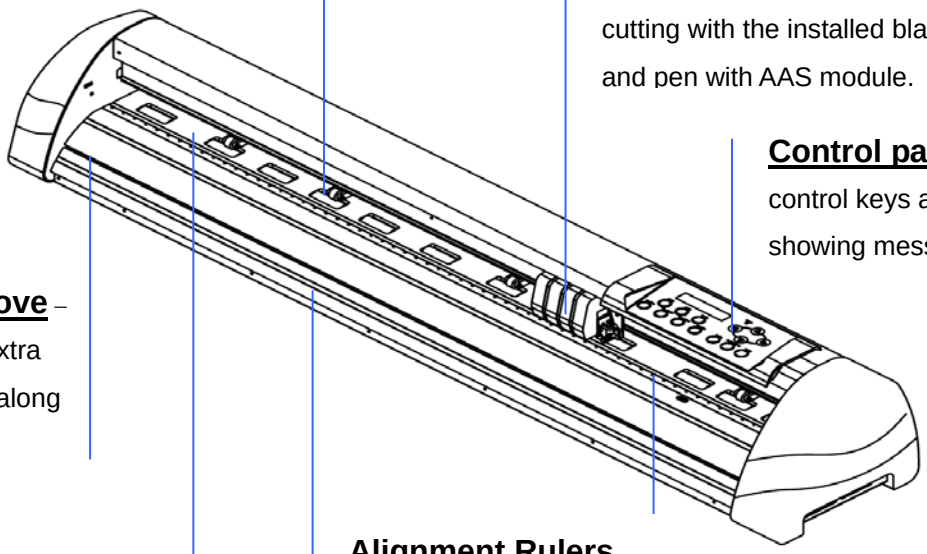
1.4 Appearance of Jaguar IV

1.4.1 The Front View (Figure 1-1)

Grid Drums – move the media back and forth during operation.

Tool Carriage – performs the cutting with the installed blade and pen with AAS module.

Control panel – consists of 14 control keys and 1 LED and 1 LCM showing messages and menus.



Slicer Groove – slice off the extra media easily along this groove.

Platen – provides the surface for holding and supporting media while performing cutting.

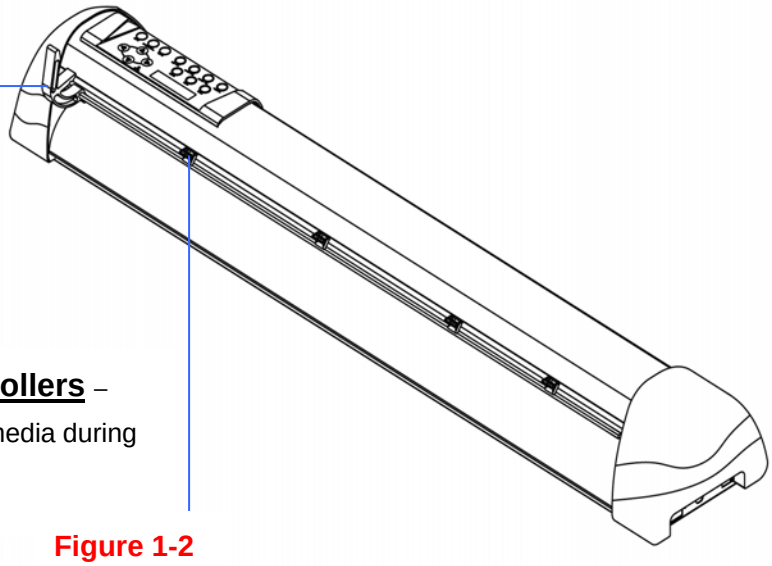
Alignment Rulers – media can be aligned with the clear guide line marks.

Cutting Pad – provides the protection of blade when the blade is cutting.

Figure 1-1

1.4.2 The Back View (Figure 1-2)

Lever – raises or lowers the pinch rollers.



Pinch Rollers – hold the media during cutting.

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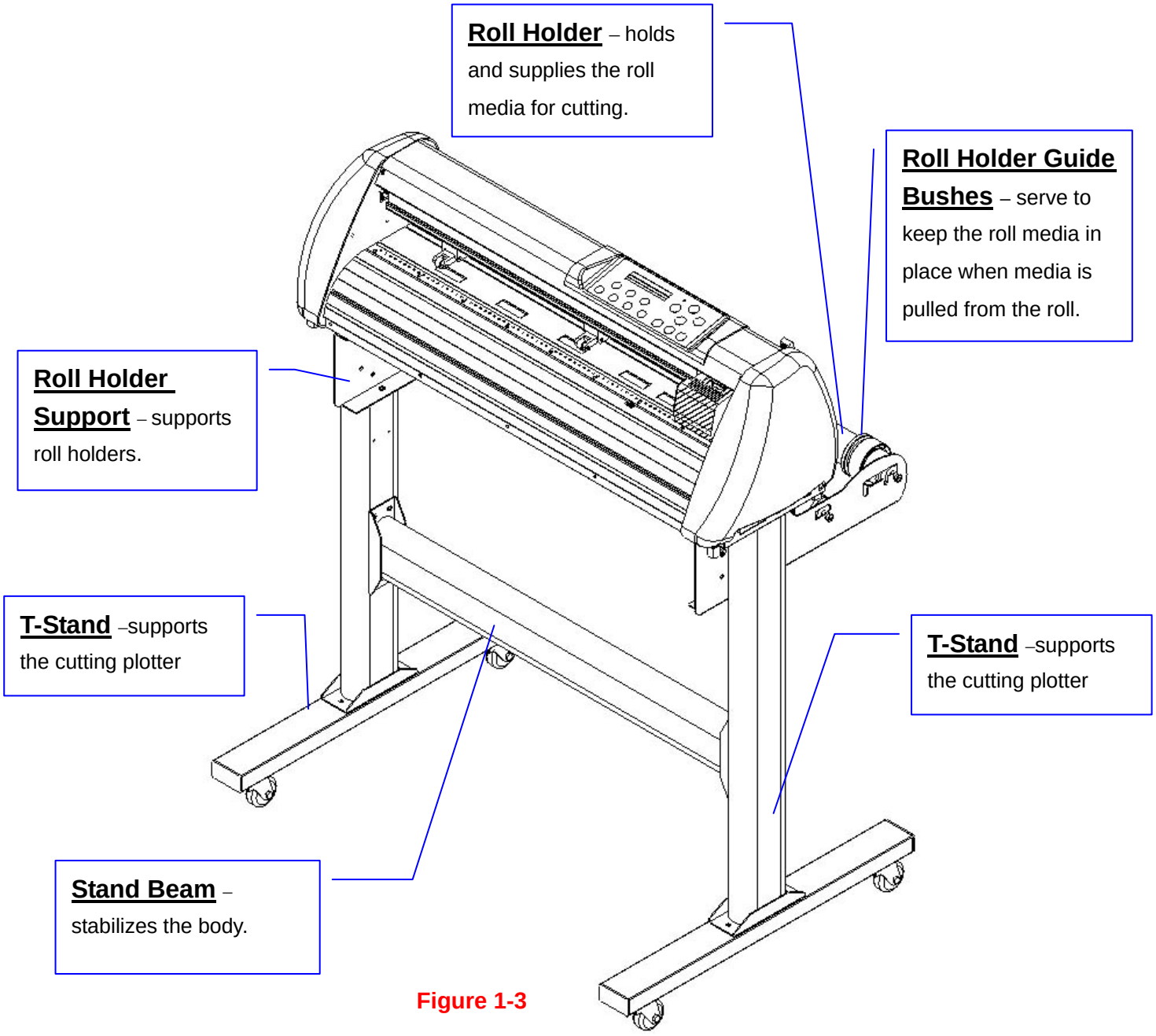
1.4.3 The Whole View of Jaguar IV (Figure 1-3)


Roll Holder – holds and supplies the roll media for cutting.
Roll Holder Guide Bushes – serve to keep the roll media in place when media is pulled from the roll.
Roll Holder Support – supports roll holders.
T-Stand –supports the cutting plotter
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Stand Beam – stabilizes the body.

Figure 1-3

1.4 4 The Left-hand Side (Figure 1-4)

Power Switch – On when switches to [I]; Off to [O]

Fuse – 3 Amp.

AC Power Connector – used to insert the AC power cord.

Figure 1-4

1.4.5 The Right-hand Side (Figure 1-5)

Serial Interface Connector (RS232C) – used to connect the cutting plotter to a computer through a serial interface cable.

USB Connector – used to connect the cutting plotter to a computer through a USB cable.

Parallel Interface Connector – used to connect the cutting plotter to a computer through a parallel interface cable.

Figure 1-5

2. Installation

2.1 Precaution

Please read below information carefully before you start installation.

Notice 1

- Make sure the power switch is off before installing the cutting plotter.
- Carefully handle the cutter to prevent any injuries.

Notice 2 Choosing a proper place before setting up the cutting plotter

Before installing your cutting plotter, select a suitable location, which meets the following conditions.

- The machine can be approached easily from any direction.
- Keep enough space for the machine, accessories and supplies.
- Keep the working area stable, avoiding sever vibration.
- Keep the temperature between ***15 and 30℃ (60-86°F)*** in the workshop.
- The relative humidity of the working environment should be between **25% to 75%**.
- Protecting the machine from dust and strong air current.
- Preventing the machine from direct sunlight or extremely bright lighting.

Notice 3 Connecting the Power Supply

Check the plug of the power cord to see if it matches with the wall outlet. If not, please contact your dealer.

- Insert the plug (male) into a grounded power outlet.
- Insert the other end (female) of power cord into the AC connector of cutting plotter.

2.2 Stand & Flexible Media Support System (for J4-101S/132S/183S)

Step 1

Please examine supplied items in the accessory box of stand carton:

- 2 piece of T-shape stand
- 1 piece of stand beam
- 18 pieces of M6 screws
- 1 piece of M5 L-shape hexagon screw driver
- 1 piece of Installation Guide for Stand Set

Step 2

- Remove the plotter body and the accessories from the shipped carton.
- Place the stand beam upright on the T-stand and follow the number ❶❷ to assemble.

(See Figure 2-1 & 2-2)

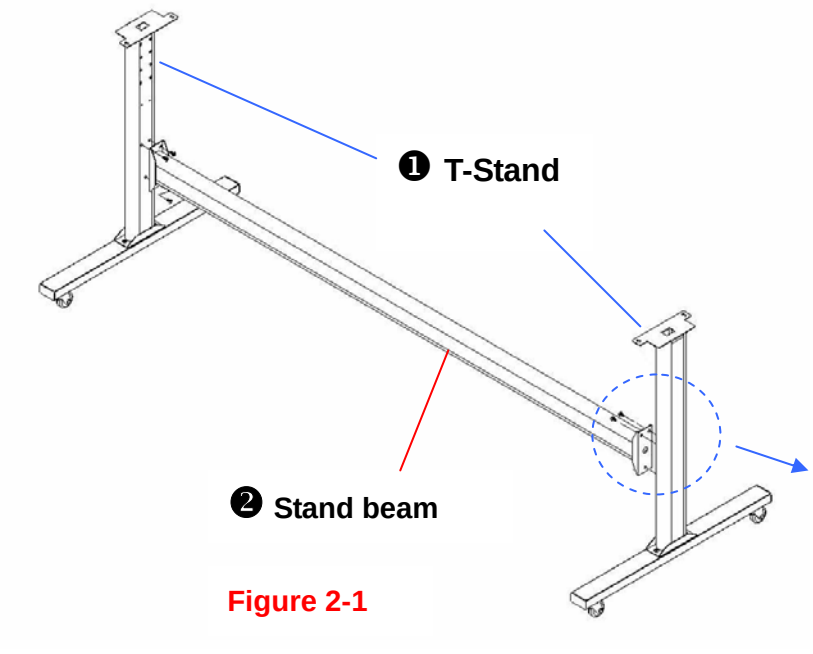


Figure 2-1

Figure 2-2

Step 3

Position the stand beam perpendicularly to part ❶and put the screws into the holes and tighten them as Figure 2-2. Then the complete picture of stand will be like Figure 2-1.

Step 4

Remove the cutting plotter from the carton. Position your stand under the plotter, and then insert the screws into the holes on plotter's bottom and tighten them up as shown in Figure 2-3.

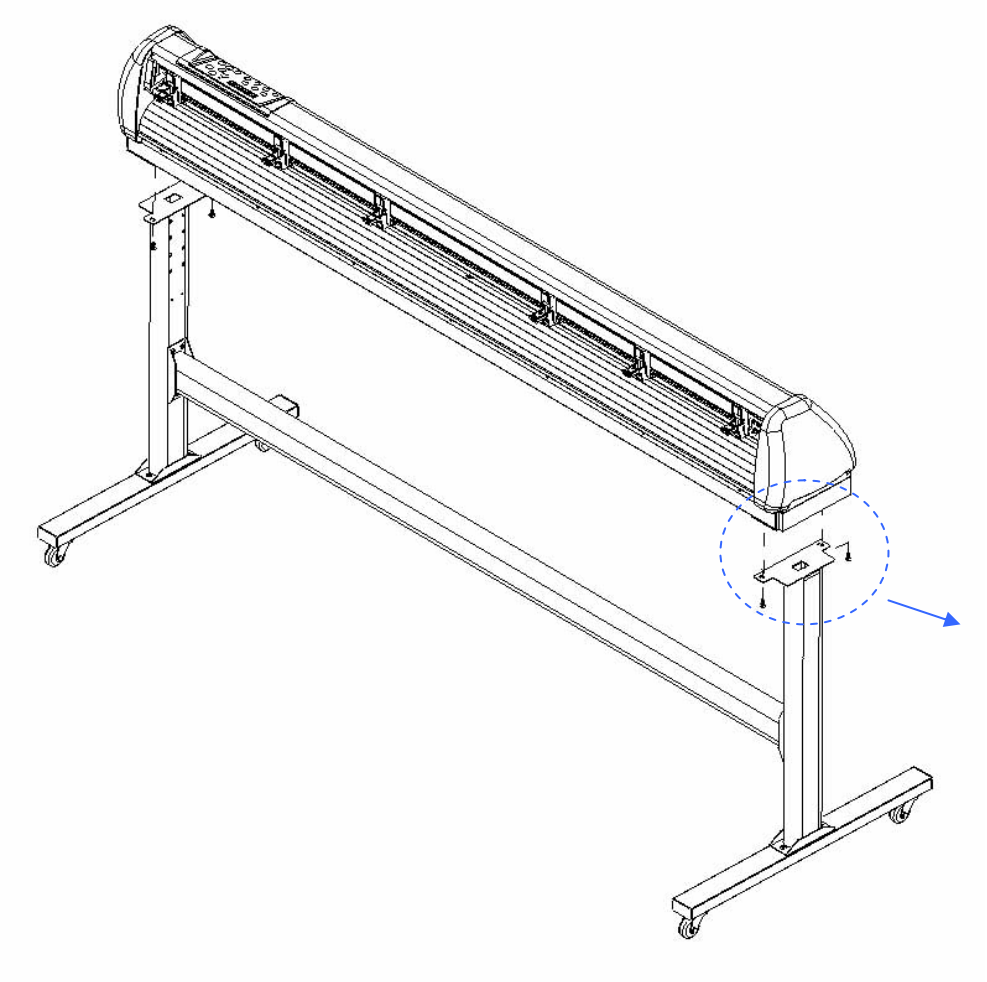


Figure 2-3

Step 5

Insert the roll holder support with the screws into the holes of the stand, and then tighten them up as shown in Figure 2-4. You could decide roll holder support's position by inserting into different holes.

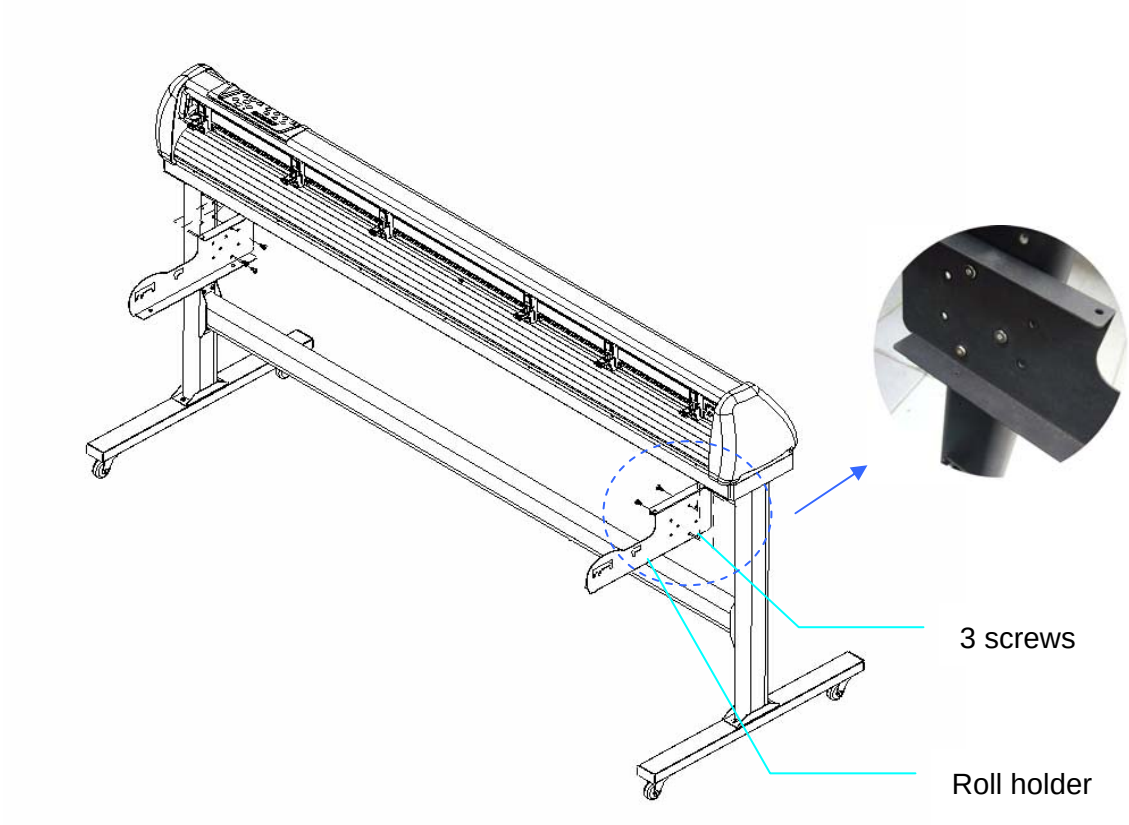
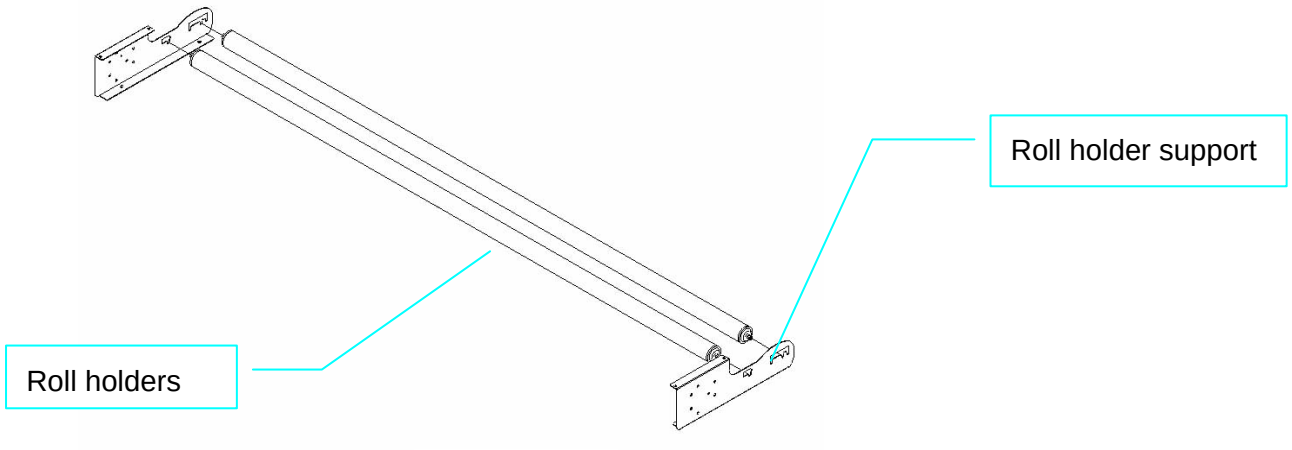


Figure 2-4

Step 6

Place two roll holders into the holes in the roll holder support. (Figure 2-5)



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Step 7

Lastly, the complete picture will be shown like below. (Figure 2-6)

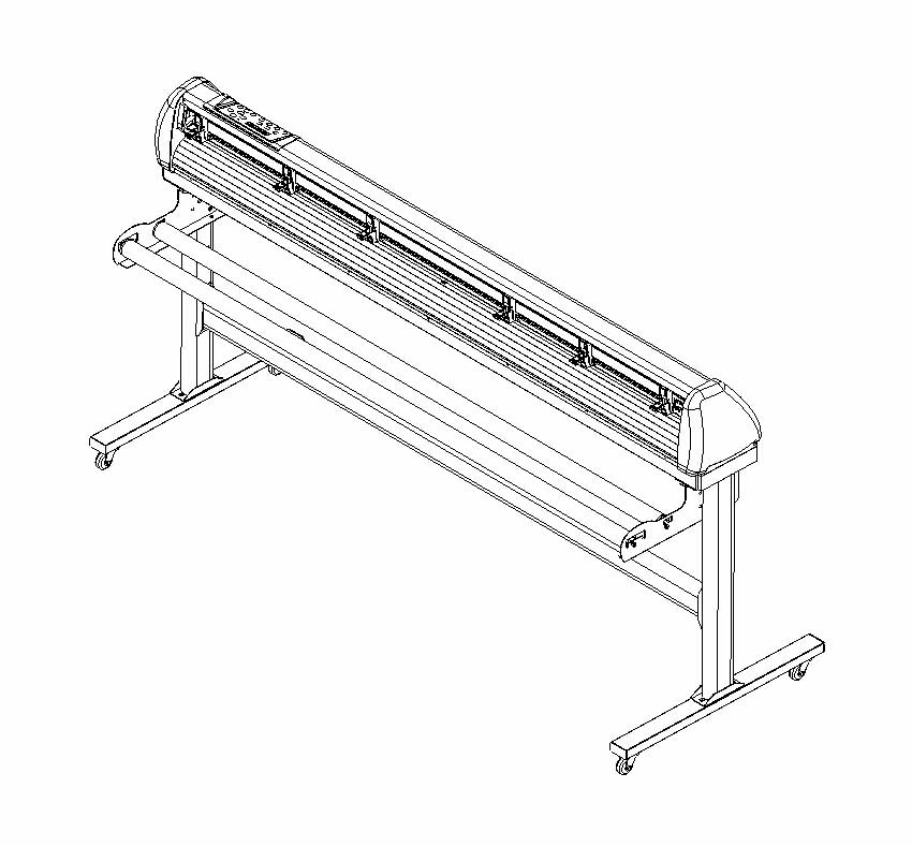


Figure 2-6

2.3 Desktop Flexible Media Support System (For J4-61 only)

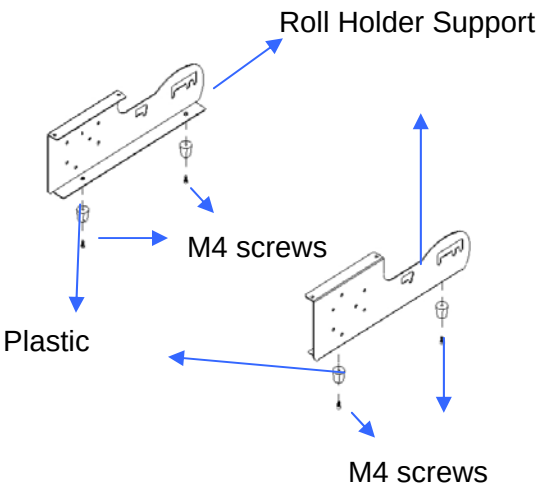
Step 1

Please examine the following items in stand carton's accessory box:

- 1 set of Roll Media Flange (2 pieces)
- 1 set of Roll Holder (2 pieces)
- 1 set of Roll Holder Guide Bushes (4 pieces)
- 1 set of Roll Holder Support (2 pieces)
- 1 set of Desktop Support Bracket (2 pieces)
- 4 pieces of Plastic Foot
- 4 pieces of M4 screws
- 12 pieces of M6 screws
- 1 piece of M4 L-shape hexagon screw driver
- 1 piece of M5 L-shape hexagon screw driver
- 1 piece of M6 L-shape hexagon screw driver (for adjusting the screws of Roll Holders)
- 1 piece of Installation Guide for Roll Holder

Step 2

Put the 4 Plastic Foot under the Roll Holder Support and insert the M4 screw into the hole of Plastic Foot and tighten them with the M4 L-shape screw driver. (Figure 2-7)



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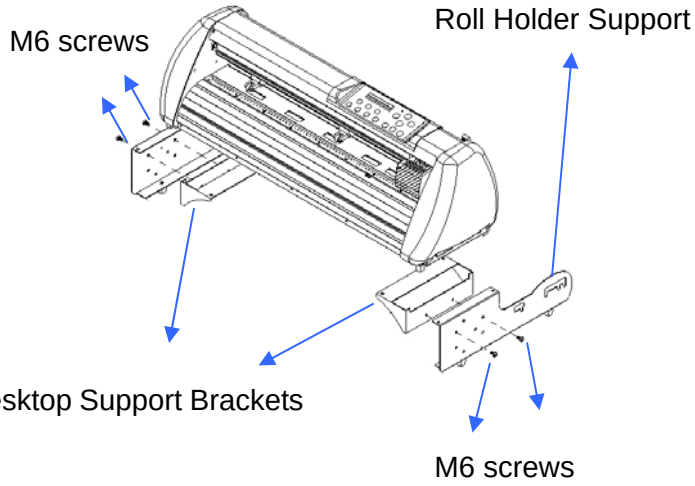
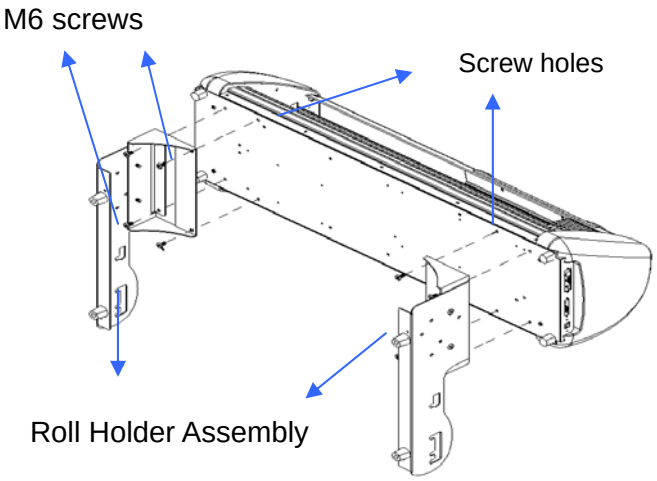


Step 3 Position the Desktop Support Brackets beside the Roll Holder Support and insert M6 screws into the Roll Holder Support and tighten them with M6 L-shape screw driver. (Refer to Figure 2-8 at the left).

Step 4

Put the bottom of machine in lateral, and position the Roll Holder Assembly beside the bottom of the machine. Then, insert the M6 screws into the holes of Roll Holder support assembly and tighten them with M6 L-shape screwdriver. Like Figure 2-9.



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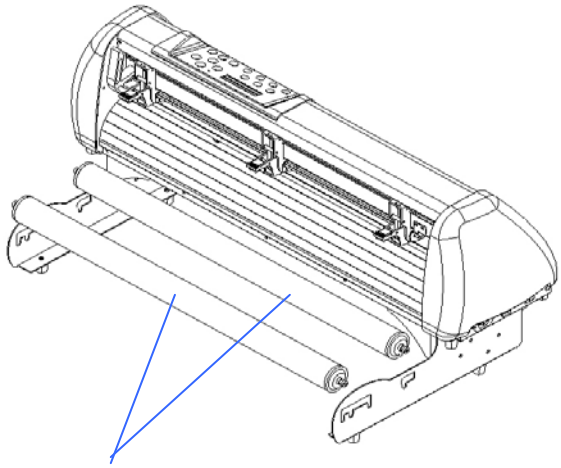


Figure 2-10

Step 5

Place the two roll holders into the holes of Roll Holder Support (Figure 2-10).

Step 6

The complete Desktop Media Support System will be shown as in Figure 2-11.

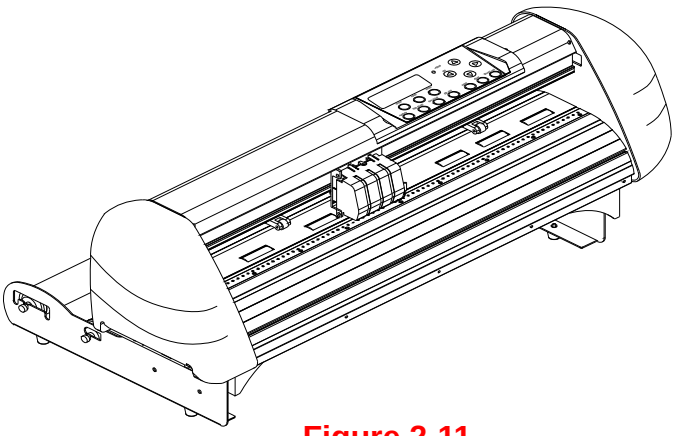


Figure 2-11

2.4 Blade Installation

Figure 2-12 is the illustrator of the blade holder. Insert a blade into the bottom of the blade holder and remove the blade by pushing the pin. Make sure that your fingers are away from the blade tip.

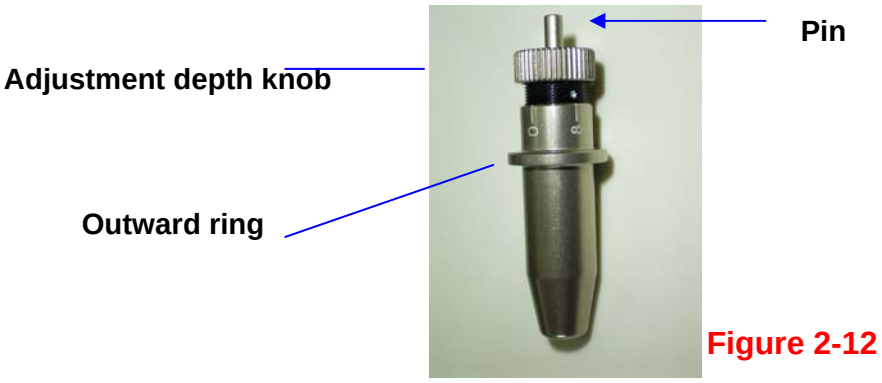


Figure 2-12

Step 1

Install blade (Figure 2-13).

Figure 2-13

Figure 2-14

Step 2

Push the blade to the bottom of the blade holder. (Figure 2-14).

Step 3

Adjust the blade tip to suitable length by screwing "Blade tip adjustment screw" clockwise or count-clockwise. (Figure 2-15).

Figure 2-15

Tips:

"The proper length" means the blade's length is adjusted 0.1mm more than film's thickness. That is, if the thickness of film is 0.5mm, then blade's length is properly adjusted 0.6mm and it can completely cut through the film layer yet avoid penetrating the backing.

Step 4

Insert the blade holder into tool carriage. Please note the outward ring of the holder must put into the grooves of carriage firmly (see Figure 2-16), then fasten the case (Figure 2-17).

Figure 2-16

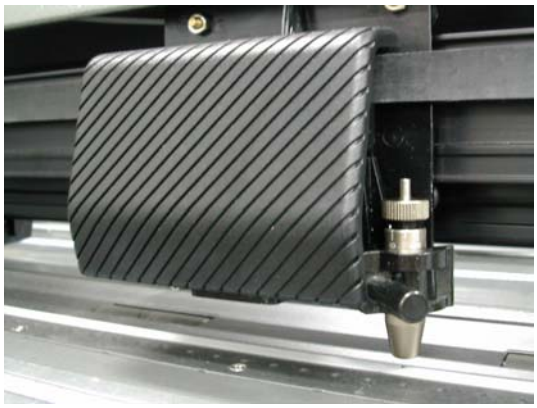


Figure 2-17

Step 5 Use the reversing steps to remove the blade holder.

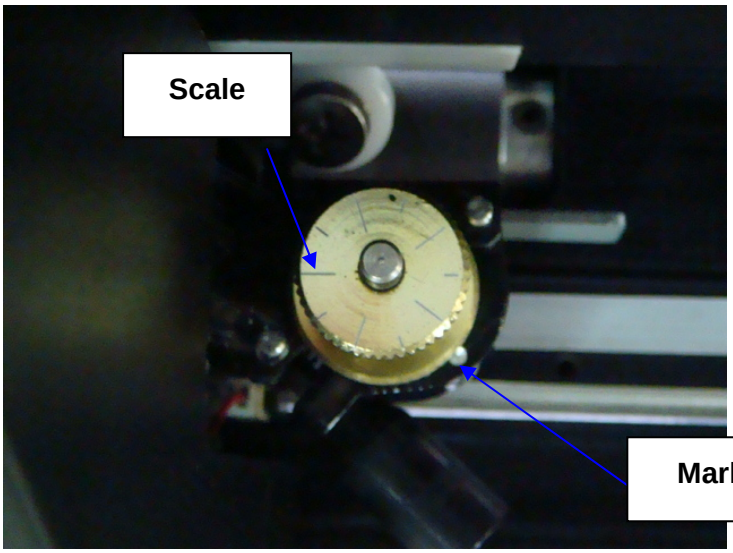
Step 6 **Eject the blade. Push "Blade eject pin" to eject blade** when the blade needs to be replaced.

Caution

The blade will lose its sharpness after a period of usage, the cutting quality might be affected. By increasing the cutting force, it might do the trick. However, once the blade is worn out and no longer provides a reliable cutting, you should replace a new one. The blade is consumable and must be replaced as often as necessary to maintain the cutting quality. The quality of the blade deeply affects cutting quality. So be sure to use a high quality blade to ensure good cutting results.

2.5 Automatic Blade Length Adjustment

Figure 2.-18 is the new blade holder with a scale and the carriage with a mark.



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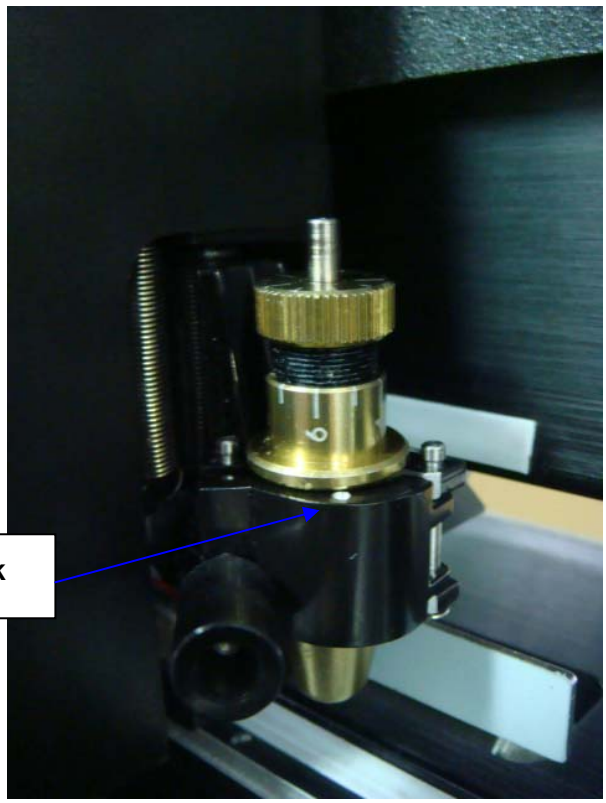


Figure 2-19

There are 10 units on the scale; each unit equals to 0.1 mm, allowing you to adjust the blade length for 0.00mm-5.00mm (Figure 2-18).

Follow the steps below to adjust the length of the blade

1. Keep your blade length as 0 before you start adjusting.
2. Align one of the scales on the blade holder to the mark on the carriage
3. Select “Blade Length Adjust” under “CUT TEST” on the LCM, enter the blade length wished in “Set Length”; test the blade holder first and then test the blade length by pressing ENTER.

Note: Keep the blade holder at the same position when you perform blade holder and blade length tests.

4. When blade holder and blade length tests are finished, the screen will show you to what degree (the unit of the value following “CW” or “CCW” is “circle”) and in which direction [CW (clockwise) or CCW (counterclockwise)] you should turn the adjustment knob.
   EG, Turn CW 0.5 is telling you that you should turn the knob for half a circle clock-wisely (Figure 2-20, Figure 2-21).

The value on the screen will be 0.0 when the blade length is perfect and no more adjustment needs to be made. You may start cutting at this point.

Figure 2-20

Figure 2-21

2.6 Cable Connection

The cutting plotter communicates with a computer through a **USB (Universal Serial Bus), Parallel port (Centronics), or** a **Serial port (RS-232C)**. This chapter shows you how to connect the cutting plotter to a host computer and how to set up the computer/cutting plotter interconnection.

!! **Notice:** When USB connection is enabled, both parallel port and serial port will be disabled automatically.

Figure 2-22

2.6.1 USB Interface

Jaguar IV build-in USB interface are based on the Universal Serial Bus Specifications Revision 1.1. (Operation system of Windows 95, Windows NT don't support USB).

- USB driver installation

Caution!!

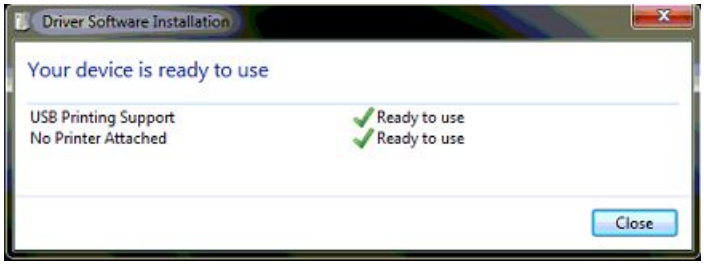
✓ **If you are using Windows 2000 / XP / Vista / 7 as your operating system, make sure you log in using the "Administrator" account.**

Use the USB One-click Installation for quick driver installation. Follow the simple steps below for driver setup.

Step 1:

Connecting your GCC cutter

1. Turn on the machine.
2. Connect the USB connector to the machine and then USB driver will installed automatically. It will take a few minutes to find the device. Please DO NOT disconnect the USB cable until the installation has completed.
3. You can double click the USB icon on the taskbar to make sure the USB device is detected.

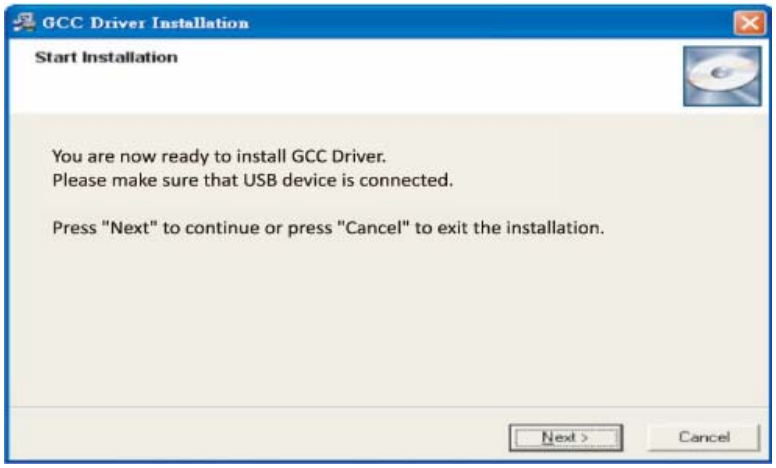


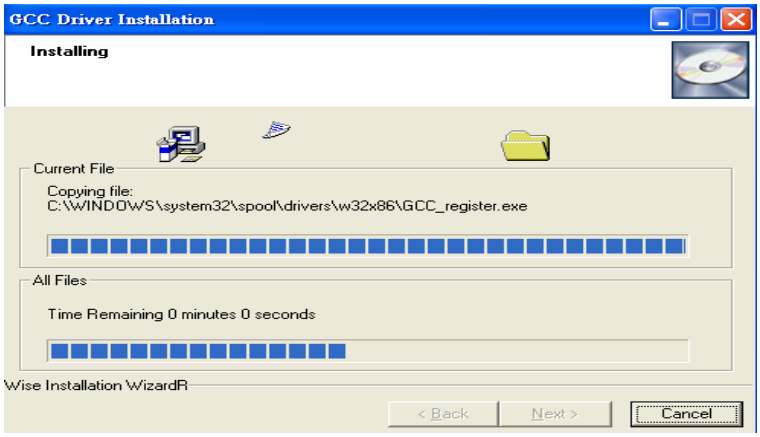
Step 2: Installing the software

(1) Put the installation CD into your CD-ROM. **Please make sure that the USB device is connected before you start the driver installation.**

(2) Choose the model you want to install from the driver list and click on either the 32 bit or 64 bit driver installation depending on the operating system installed on your computer to start the installation. (The Expert Pro model is used as an illustration in the following steps.)

(3) Click “Next” to start the driver installation.


GCC Driver Installation
Start Installation
You are now ready to install GCC Driver.
Please make sure that USB device is connected.
Press "Next" to continue or press "Cancel" to exit the installation.
Next >
Cancel

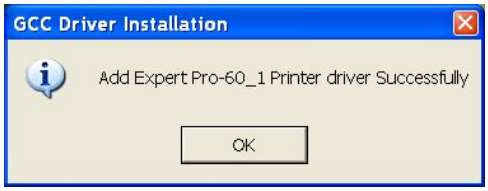


(4) The installation will take a few minutes to complete and you will see a message below and click on “OK” upon completion. Enjoy your GCC cutter!

Note:

(1) If the driver is being installed for a second time, the user will be prompted as to whether a second copy of the driver installation is required.

(2) If the user selects yes, a second copy of the driver will be installed.



2.6.2 Parallel Interface

- Connecting to the Parallel (Centronics) Port

1. Connect a parallel cable to the cutting plotter and the host computer
2. Set up the output port **LPT1** or **LPT2** from your software package
3. Send the data to your cutting plotter directly. Or, use DOS commands like **TYPE** or **PRINT** to output data.

Caution!! Please turn off the plotter before plugging the print cable.

2.6.3 RS-232 Interface

- Connecting to the RS-232 (Serial) Port

1. For IBM PC, PS/2 users or compatibles, connect the RS-232C cable to the serial connector of the assigned serial port (COM1 or COM2) of your host computer.
2. Set up the communication parameters (Baud Rate and Data Bits/Parity) to match the setting of software package, refer to chapter 3 – “Misc” key description.

Caution!! Please turn off the plotter before plugging the RS-232C cable.

2.6.4 Data Transmitting

There are two options to transmit the data from the computer to the cutting plotter:

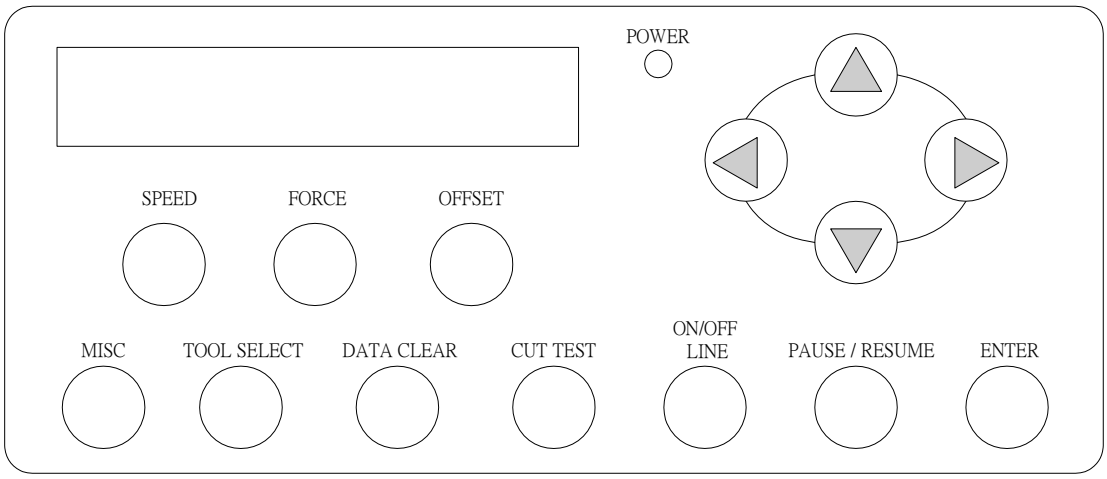
Option 1: With proper interface settings, the data can be transmitted from your application software package to the cutting plotters directly.

Option 2: Most cutting software packages are able to emulate **HP-GL** or **HP-GL/2** commands. As long as the file is **HP-GL** or **HP-GL/2** format, the cutting plotter can output the data precisely.

3. The Control Panel

This chapter describes the button operations with the LCM menu flowcharts of Jaguar IV. When the cutting plotter is ready for use as described in Chapter 1 & 2, all functions are under default parameters.

3.1 The LCD Panel



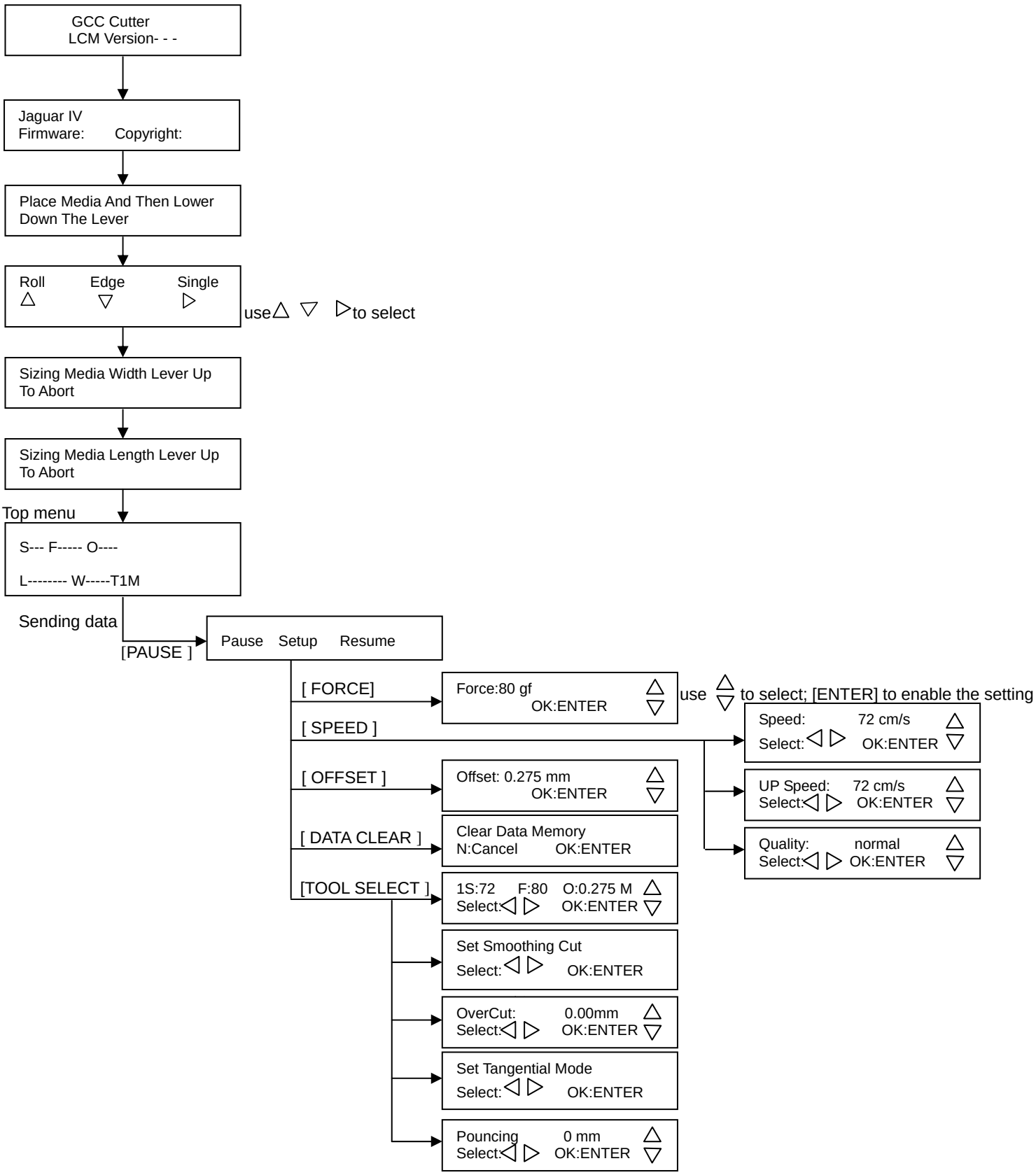
< LCD Control Panel on Jaguar IV series >

Key	Function
LCD Screen	To display functions and error messages.
Power LED	To indicate the power status (light up: power on; light off: power off)
4 Arrow Keys	To move position, select function, or change setting.
ENTER	To set item or register the immediately preceding input value.
PAUSE/RESUME	To temporarily halt cutting process or to continue
ON/OFF LINE	To switch modes, stop cutting job, or abort changes of settings.
OFFSET	To adjust the value of blade's offset.
FORCE	To adjust the value of cutting force.
SPEED	To adjust the value of cutting speed and quality.
CUT TEST	To perform cutting tests in different ways.
DATA CLEAR	To clear up buffer memory.
TOOL SELECT	To select tools.
MISC	To set up functions.

Please see details in "3.4 Menu Items"

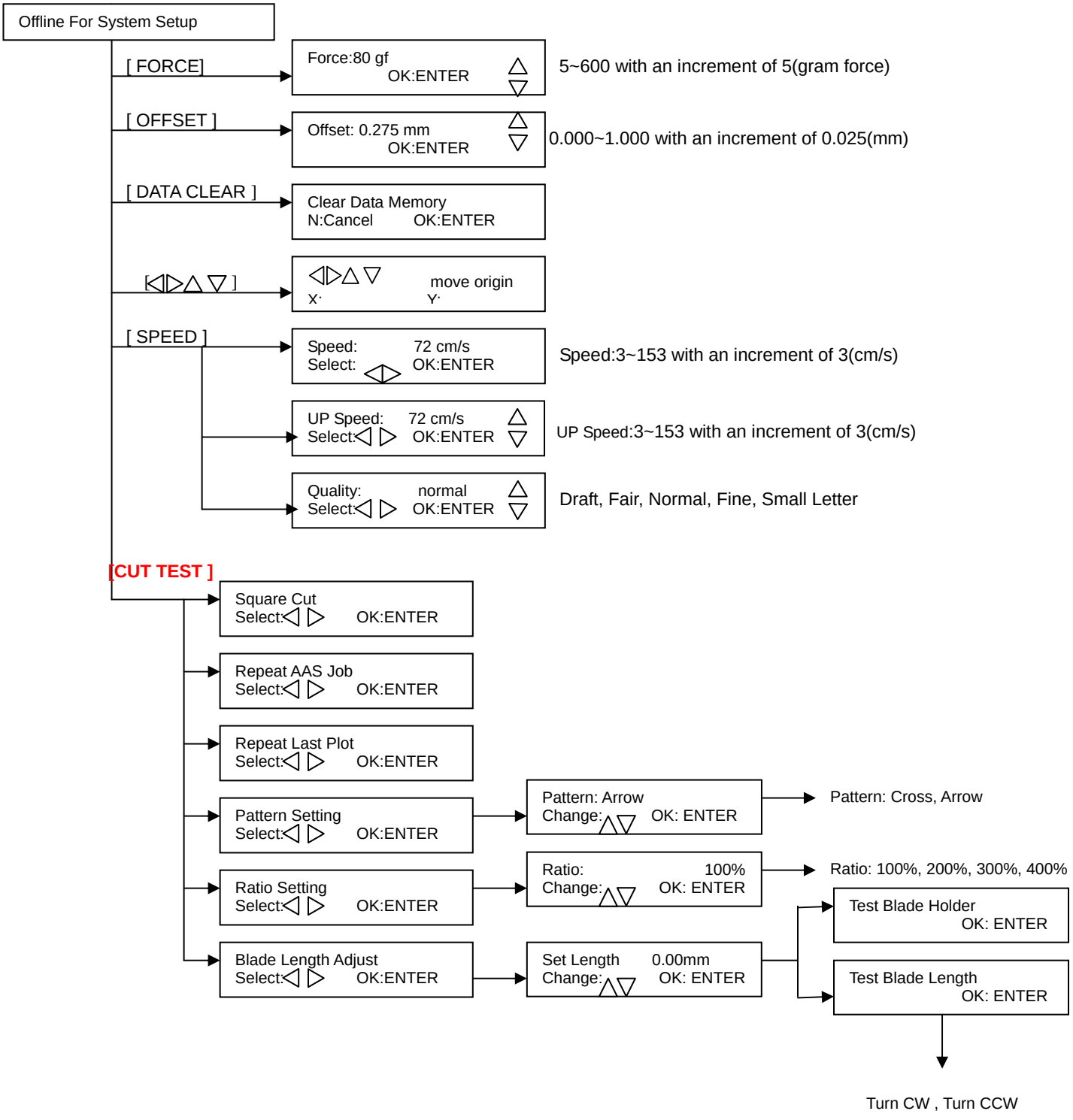
3.2 Menu in On-line Mode

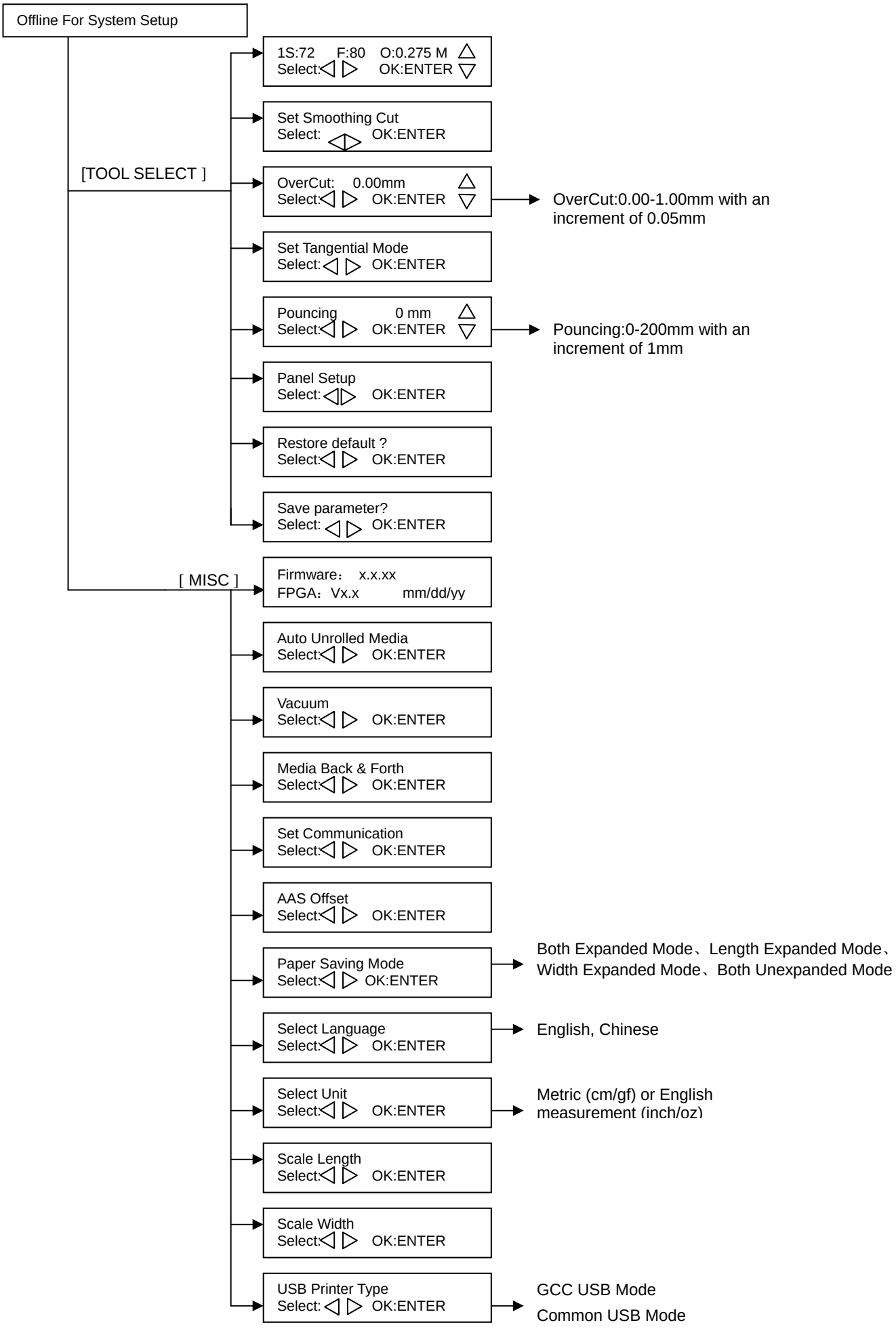
Power On Jaguar IV in processing



3.3 Menu in Off-line Mode

Press [ON/OFF LINE] to switch to the offline mode




Offline For System Setup
[TOOL SELECT]
1S:72 F:80 O:0.275 M
Select: OK:ENTER
Set Smoothing Cut
Select: OK:ENTER
OverCut: 0.00mm
Select: OK:ENTER
OverCut:0.00-1.00mm with an increment of 0.05mm
Set Tangential Mode
Select: OK:ENTER
Pouncing 0 mm
Select: OK:ENTER
Pouncing:0-200mm with an increment of 1mm
Panel Setup
Select: OK:ENTER
Restore default ?
Select: OK:ENTER
Save parameter?
Select: OK:ENTER
[MISC]
Firmware： x.x.xx
FPGA：Vx.x mm/dd/yy
Auto Unrolled Media
Select: OK:ENTER
Vacuum
Select: OK:ENTER
Media Back & Forth
Select: OK:ENTER
Set Communication
Select: OK:ENTER
AAS Offset
Select: OK:ENTER
Paper Saving Mode
Select: OK:ENTER
Both Expanded Mode、Length Expanded Mode、Width Expanded Mode、Both Unexpanded Mode
Select Language
Select: OK:ENTER
English, Chinese
Select Unit
Select: OK:ENTER
Metric (cm/gf) or English measurement (inch/oz)
Scale Length
Select: OK:ENTER
Scale Width
Select: OK:ENTER
USB Printer Type
Select: OK:ENTER
GCC USB Mode
Common USB Mode

3.4 Menu Items

Below describes the functions of menu items

Menu or Key	Function	Setting	Default
--- Media sizing ---			
Roll	To measure media width.	Maximum Tracking 150 meters	
Edge	To measure media width and pull the media back till the front paper sensor open.	Maximum Tracking 150 meters	
Single	To measure media width and length.	Maximum Tracking 10 meters	
--- POWER ---			
	To indicate the power status.		
[Arrow Keys]			
	1. To move the tool carriage position on X or Y axis. 2. To select functions or change values of settings.		
[ENTER]			
	1. The displayed parameters will be saved automatically. 2. To set a new origin at the present tool carriage position. In “offline” mode, moving the tool carriage to desired position by [Arrow Keys], then press [ENTER] key to set a new origin. While moving with the parameters of XY-axes displayed, press [MISC] key will enable fine-tune movement; press [MISC] key again to disable the function.		
[PAUSE/RESUME]			
	To temporarily halt the cutting process. To resume the process by press [Pause/Resume] key again.		
[ONLINE/OFFLINE]			
	1. To switch between online mode and offline mode. 2. To stop the cutting job or abort the change of setting. Once press this key, the cutting job will be terminated immediately and cannot be resumed.		
[OFFSET]			
	To set or modify the distance between the blade tip and the center axis.	0.000~1.000mm	0.275mm
[FORCE]			
	To set or modify the value of tool force. For Jaguar IV_R, when the cutting force exceeds 450g, the maximum cutting speed would be 15cm/sec and the cutting quality would be Small Letter Mode (0.2g) and while the cutting force is 300g-449g, the maximum cutting speed would be 30 cm/sec and the cutting quality would be Fine Mode (0.5g)	5~600gram; 5 gram/per step	80 gram
[SPEED]			
Speed	To set or modify tool speed at horizontal moving.	3~153cm/sec; 3cm/sec per step	72cm/sec
Up Speed	To set or modify tool speed at vertical moving.	3~153cm/sec; 3cm/sec per step	72cm/sec
Cutting Quality	To set or modify cutting quality. While cutting small letter, set as “Small letter”. While cutting in high speed, set as “Draft”. For normal operation, set as “Normal”.	Draft, Fair, Normal, Fine, Small Letter	Normal

[CUT TEST]			
Square Cut	To perform a cutting test at present blade position. For more information, please refer to “4.3 Adjusting the Cutting Force and Offset” to adjust blade force and cutting speed.		
Repeat AAS Job	To repeat AAS jobs automatically without having to operate on the computer side. Please be noted that this feature is mainly applied to the Single paper mode; please ensure a new piece of material you wish to apply this feature on is loaded and the origin repositioned to the first registration mark before starting. When the first AAS job repeat completes, the user will be offered the choice of “Repeat AAS Job Again”, please press ”Online/Offline” to return to the main menu.		
Repeat Last Plot	Recut: To repeat the last job without re-sending the data.	1~99; 1 per step	
	Copy: To copy the last job without re-sending the data. * 1mm gap will be auto-generated between 2 copies). * If the media length is not enough to continue, it will show below message on LCM: `Out Of Space; # of Copies finished` * If both functions are enabled at the same time, the cutter will perform the last setting only.	1~99; 1 per step	
Pattern Setting	To provide two patterns for cut test Note: It is recommended to select “Cross” if you are working on thick pieces of materials.	“Arrow” and “Cross” patterns	“Arrow” Note: the default pattern for Jaguar IV_R is “Cross”
Ratio Setting	To adjust the size of the pattern	100%, 200%, 300%, 400%	100%
Blade Length Adjust	To adjust the length of the blade Note: 1. Keep your blade length as 0 before you start adjusting. 2. Test the blade holder first and then test the blade length by pressing ENTER. 3. Keep the blade holder at the same position when you perform blade holder and blade length tests. 4. When blade holder and blade length tests are finished, the screen will show you to what degree (the unit of the value following “CW” or “CCW” is “circle”) and in which direction [CW (clockwise) or CCW (counterclockwise)] you should turn the adjustment knob. EG, Turn CW 0.5 is telling you that you should turn the knob for half a circle clockwisely. 5. The value on the screen will be 0.0 when the blade length is perfect and no more adjustment needs to be made. You may start cutting at this point.	0.00mm-5.00mm	0.00mm
[DATA CLEAR]			
	To clear up buffer memory.		

[TOOL SELECT]			
Save Parameter	To save pattern(s) of cutting parameters for later use. There are 4 sets of parameters saved in the panel. Use Page Up and Page Down keys to select the set of parameters you wish to adjust, press “Enter” to confirm (the number shown on the upper left corner will change accordingly). Each set of parameters includes Speed, Force, Offset, Up Speed and Quality though the latter two will not be displayed in this section. To adjust or check individual parameters, go back to the responding keys on the panel and press “Enter” to confirm.	Patterns1~4	Pattern 1
Set Smoothing Cut	To enable smooth-cutting function.		Enable
Over Cut	To generate an overcut to facilitate weeding.	0.00mm-1.00mm 0.05mm/per step	0.00mm
Set Tangential Mode	To enable the emulated tangential-cutting mode for thicker media types and small letter cuts. Note: while the Offset value setting at 0.000 mm, “Set Tangential Mode” will automatically be disabled.		Enable
Pouncing	To make perforated patterns. * In order to use this function, Pouncing tool must be installed. * Before start pouncing, place pouncing strip on top of the cutting pad to protect the cutting pad. * Set the value as 0 mm to disable the pouncing mode. * Pouncing tool is an optional item.	0~200mm	0mm
Panel Setup	Accept setup command: To accept commands of the Force, Speed, Cutting Quality, and Offset only via software.		
	Control panel only: To accept commands of the Force, Speed, Cutting Quality, and Offset only via control panel of the cutter.		
Restore Default	To turn all parameters of the menu items to factory-default settings.		
[MISC]			
Auto Unrolled Media	To avoid paper jam and motor crash by automatically unroll media (50cm and up) before cutting while enabled. . * Auto-unroll only effects on roll/edge media. * Using Single mode to size media will disable this function automatically. * If the length of the rolled media is less than 2 meters or the weight is light, it is recommended to set this mode disabled.		Enable
Vacuum	To help improve tracking and cutting accuracy by turning on the fans. If you turn off the vacuum system, the fans will remain inactive during cutting or plotting.		Enable
AAS Offset	To set or modify AAS offset value. You can refer to “5.3 Printer Test” for more details.		
Media Back & Forth	To enable to save time on repeated cutting jobs and better tracking. After cutting job has finished, the media will move back to the origin, then move to the end of the plot.		Disable
Paper Saving Mode	To save media by four different modes: 1. Length expanded mode 2. Width expanded mode 3. Both expanded mode 4. Both unexpanded mode		Both unexpanded mode
Set Communication	To build up the communication between host computer and cutter.		

	Baud Rate is to determine the speed of data transmission. *Data Bits* refers to the size of one block of data. *Parity* is used to check if data was revived correctly or not. 9600, n, 7, 1, p 9600pbs, 7 Bits with NO Parity 9600, o, 7, 1, p 9600pbs, 7 Bits with ODD Parity 9600, e, 7, 1, p 9600pbs, 7 Bits with EVEN Parity 9600, n, 8, 1, p 9600pbs, 8 Bits with NO Parity 9600, o, 8, 1, p 9600pbs, 8 Bits with ODD Parity 9600, e, 8, 1, p 9600pbs, 8 Bits with EVEN Parity 19200, n, 7, 1, p 19200pbs, 7 Bits with NO Parity 19200, o, 7, 1, p 19200pbs, 7 Bits with ODD Parity 19200, e, 7, 1, p 19200pbs, 7 Bits with EVEN Parity 19200, n, 8, 1, p 19200pbs, 8 Bits with NO Parity 19200, o, 8, 1, p 19200pbs, 8 Bits with ODD Parity 19200, e, 8, 1, p 19200pbs, 8 Bits with EVEN Parity		
Firmware Version	To display the version number of Firmware and FPGA code.		
Select Language	To select displayed languages on LCM panel in English, Spanish, Italian, Deutsch, Japanese, Portuguese, Polish, Turkish or French.		English
Select Units	Provide two-unit systems for users convenient.	cm/gram; inch/oz	Metric
Scale Length Scale Width	To adjust the scale of media length and width that may cause by the thickness of the media. The Denominator is the actual length, and the Numerator is the ideal length measured from the resultant. For example, cutting a line with 500.0 mm length. The procedure as follows: 1. Press the [LEFT ARROW] to choose the Numerator and select 500.0 mm, 2. Cut the length by sending a graph file, 3. Measure the length then use the [RIGHT ARROW] key to choose the Denominator, then 4. Press [UP ARROW /DOWN ARROW] to change the values of the actual length.		
USB Printer Type	To select USB Mode from the LCM panel. Two USB modes are available: GCC USB Mode and Common USB Mode. GCC USB Mode: For 32 bit driver [Windows XP/2000/ 7 /Vista] Common USB Mode: Both for 32 bit & 64 bit driver [Windows XP/7/Vista]		Common USB Mode

4. Operation

4.1 Media Loading

4.1.1 Loading the Sheet Media

To load the media properly, please follow the procedures listed below:

Step 1

Use the lever on the upper right side of the cutting plotter to raise or lower down pinch rollers. Pull the lever forward until it makes a clicking sound then the pinch rollers are raised (Figure 4-1).

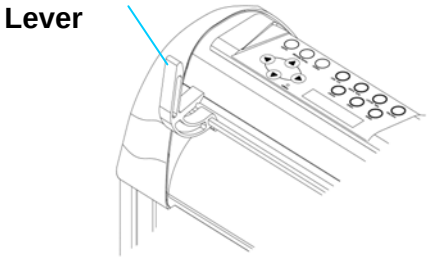


Figure 4-1

Step 2

Load your media on the platen and slide it under the pinch rollers from either the front side or the backside. The **alignment rulers** on the platen extension will help you to adjust the media precisely.

Note:
Be sure that the media must cover the paper sensors on the platen when loading the media. At least one of the two paper sensors (Figure 4-2) should be covered. Once the media covers the sensor, the cutting plotter will size the media width and length automatically.

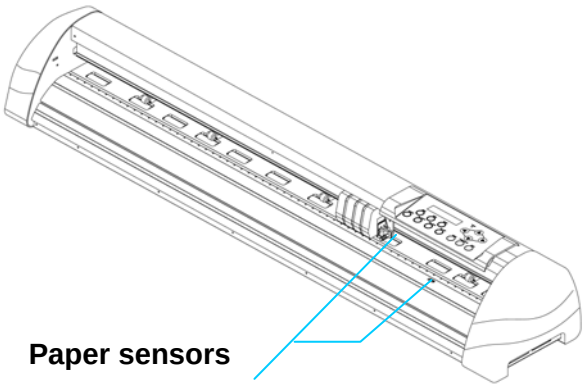


Figure 4-2

Step 3

Then move the pinch rollers manually to the proper position. Be sure the pinch rollers must be positioned above the grid drum. The **white marks** on the top trail will remind you where the grid drums are (Figure 4-3).

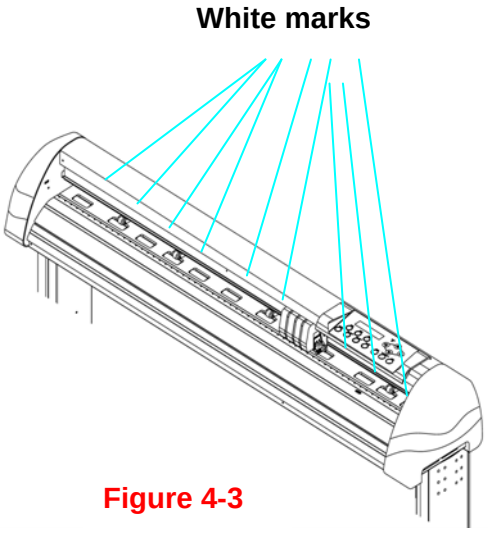


Figure 4-3

Step 4

Push the lever backward to lower down the pinch rollers.

Step 5

Turn on the power, the tool carriage will measure the size of the media automatically. And the plotting cutter begins to work.

Note:

1. Always adjust the position with the pinch roller raised.
2. Move the pinch roller by applying force at the rear portion of the pinch roller support.
3. Do not move it by holding its front rubber roller (Figure 4-4).

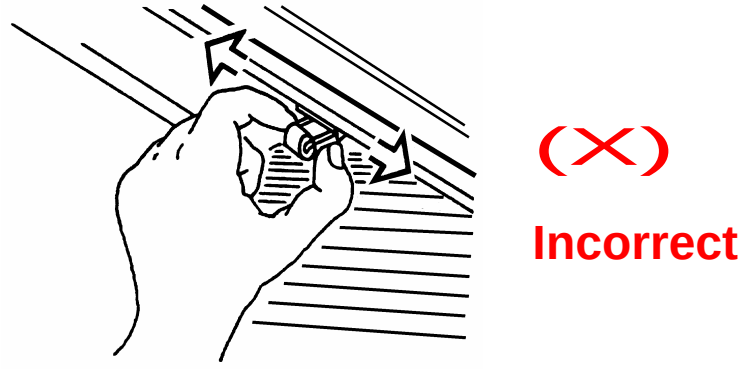


Figure 4-4

Note:
Please pull up the bottom of all pinch rollers (Figure 4-6) before the lever is pushed backwards to ensure accurate media width detection.

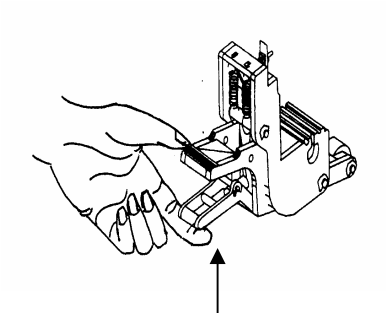


Figure 4-5

4.1.2 Loading the Roll Media

Step 1

Put the roll media guide bushes on two roll holders (Figure 4-6).

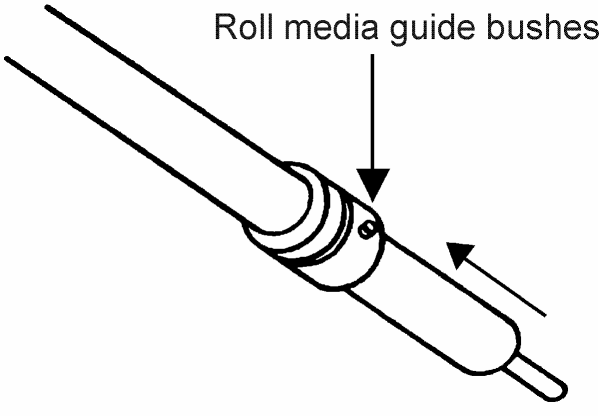


Figure 4-6

Step 2

-- Option A (Recommended)

Insert the two roll holders into the roll media support set then place the roll media directly between the two roll holders (Figure 4-7).

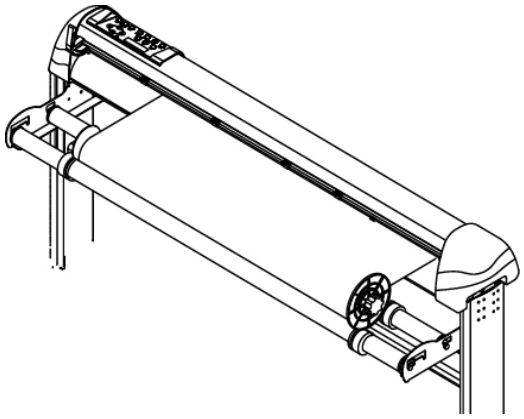
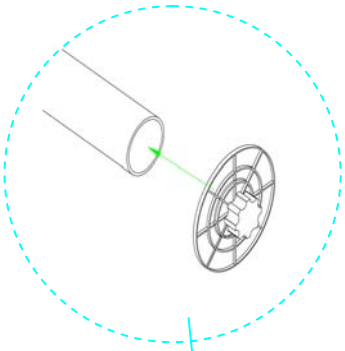


Figure 4-7



-- Option B (Use the media flanges)

Insert a roll media flange at the end of each roll media and tighten the thumbscrew until the roll media is firmly gripped(see Figure 4-8).

Figure 4-8

Then put the roll media on the roll holders. Adjust the position of the roll media ensure that media flanges are able to run in the grooves of media guide bushes. (Figure 4-9)

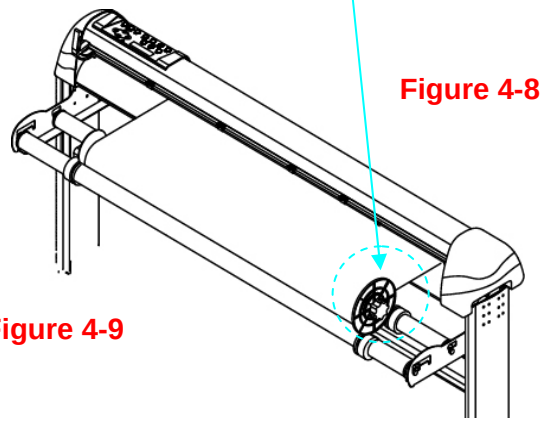


Figure 4-9

Step 3

Load the media on the platen. Please refer to “4.1.1 Loading the sheet media”. After loading the roll media, flatten the media on the platen and hold the front edge of the roll media firmly (Figure 4-10).

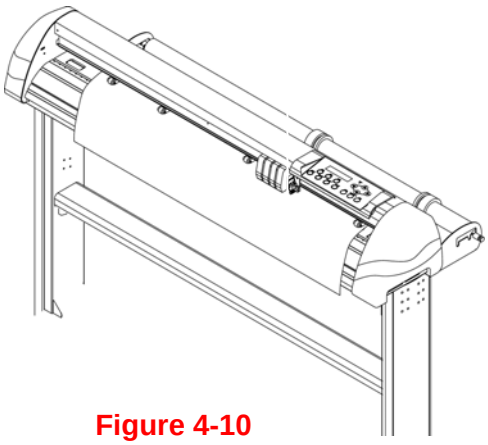


Figure 4-10

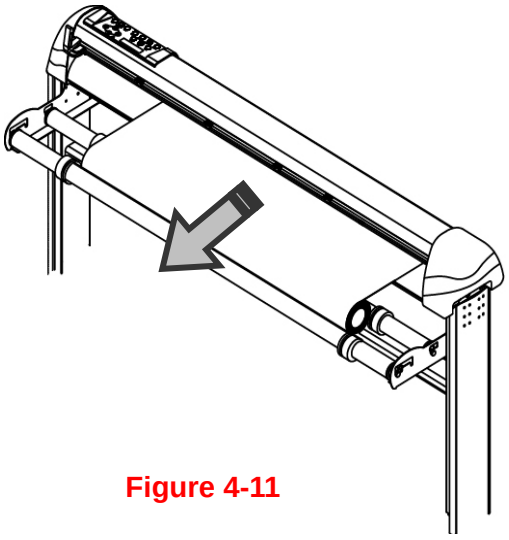


Figure 4-11

Step 4

Turn the roll downward to make an equal tension across the media (Figure 4-11)

Step 5

Move the pinch rollers to the appraise location and note that the pinch rollers must be positioned above the grid drums.

> **Note :**
> Make sure that the media tension is equally distributed from left to right. If the media were not tightened enough against the platen, it would cause tracking problems!

Step 6

Push the lever backward to lower down the pinch rollers.

Step 7

Fix roll media guide bushes on the roll holder to secure the roll media.

Step 8

Turn on the power switch, the tool carriage will sizing the media automatically.
Then the cutting plotter is ready to work.

Step 9

Use the reverse steps to remove the media.

4.2 Tracking Performance

In order to achieve the best tracking performance for a long plot, we recommend some significant media loading procedures described as follows:

If the media length is less than 4 meters, leave the margin of 0.5mm—25mm in the left and right edges of the media (Figure 4-12).

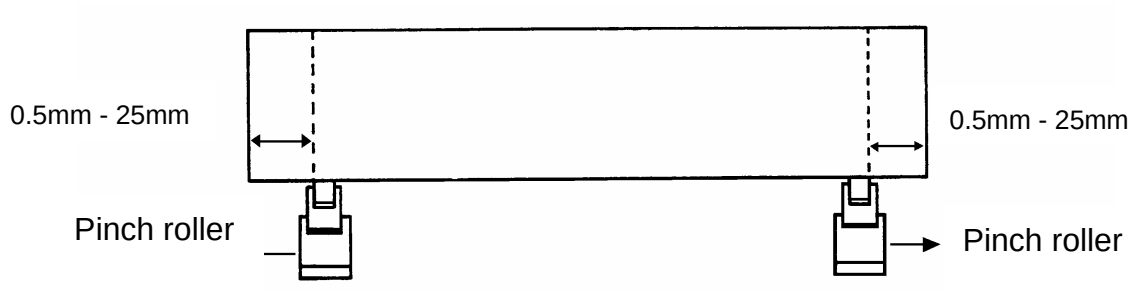


Figure 4-12

If the media length is greater than 4 meters, leave at least 25mm margin on the left and right edges of the media (Figure 4-13).

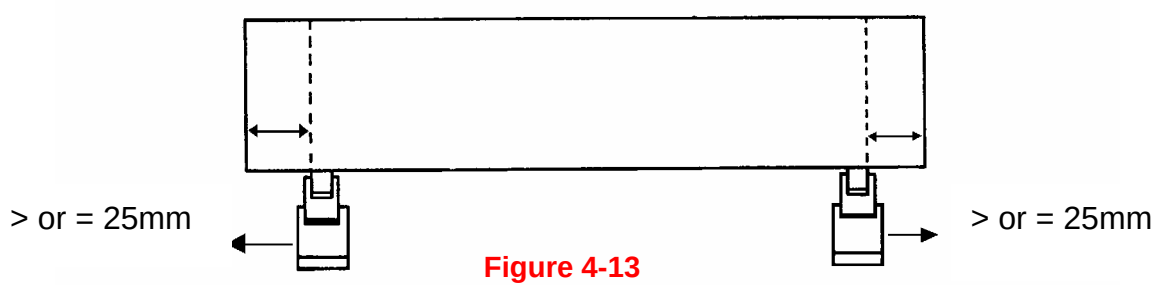


Figure 4-13

Please refer to the paragraph “4.5 How to Make A Long Plot” for more details.

4.3 Cutting Force and Offset Adjustment

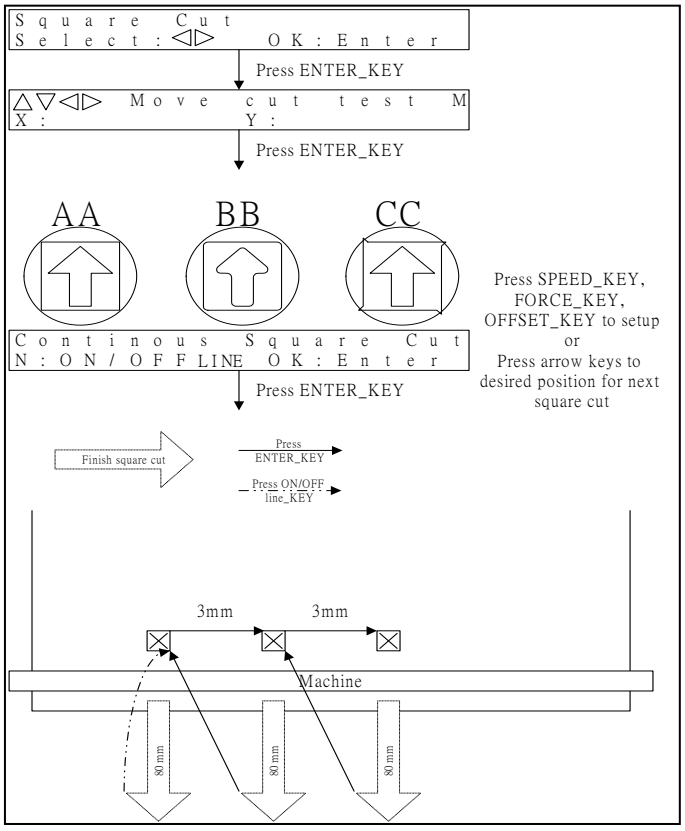
Before sending your designs for cutting, you may perform a “cut test” to generate satisfactory cutting results. The “Cut Test” should be repeated until the appropriate cutting conditions for the media are discovered.

After sizing the media, press [CUT TEST] button to select the “square cut”, and press [ENTER KEY] to confirm.

The default cutting force and offset value of the cutting test are 80gf and 0.275mm respectively. Press [ARROW KEY] to move the tool carriage to the position where you like. Then, press the [ENTER KEY] to perform Cut Test.

Note: At the same time, the new origin is also set at the cutting test position.

When the cutting test is completed, a pattern appears. Peel off the pattern to see if it can be easily separated from the media base. If yes, the setup tool force is appropriate. If not or cut through the back paper, press [FORCE KEY] to adjust the tool force until an optimum force is obtained (Figure 4-14).



If the pattern appears to be BB or CC layout, press [OFFSET KEY] to adjust the offset value until AA pattern discovered.

Figure 4-14

4.4 How to Cut 3mm Letters

To obtain good quality output, narrow media is recommended. However, if wide media is used, you should:

1. Position two pinch rollers as close as possible to both edges of the cutting area.
2. Make sure the loaded media is held flat with equal tension across the platen.
3. Suggested operation settings:

   Tool force: 55 gf. (or depending on the material)
   Cutting speed: 45-50 cm/sec
   Tool up speed: 45-60 cm/sec
   Smooth cut: Disable
   Quality: Small Letter

4.5 How to Make A Long Plot

When you are making a long plot with a roll of heavy and wide vinyl, paper you need to use the “AUTO UNROLL MEDIA“ function. The following parameter settings are to help users get the best cutting quality. The actual output quality may vary when using different kind of materials

1. If the length of graphic is between 3m and 5m, the cutting speed is better slower than 72cm/sec and the cutting quality is set as Normal.
2. If the length is longer than 5m or if the material type is difficult to cut, it is better to further slow down the cutting speed.
3. After loading the roll media all pinch rollers are raised at this stage, flatten the media on the platen and hold the front edge of the roll media firmly (Figure 4-15).

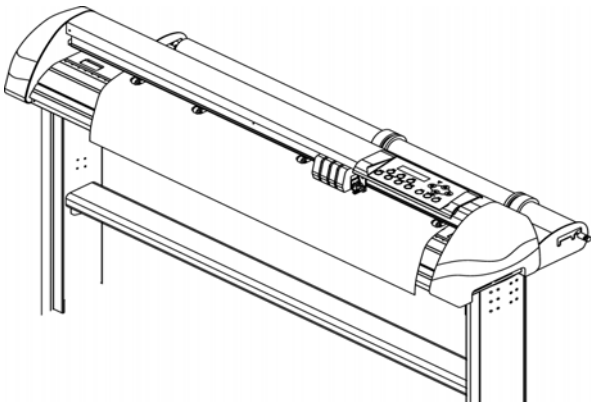


Figure 4-15

Then turn the roll downward to make an equal tension across the media (See Figure 4-16)

Make sure that the media tension is equally distributed from left to right. If the media is not tight enough against the platen, it will cause tracking problems.

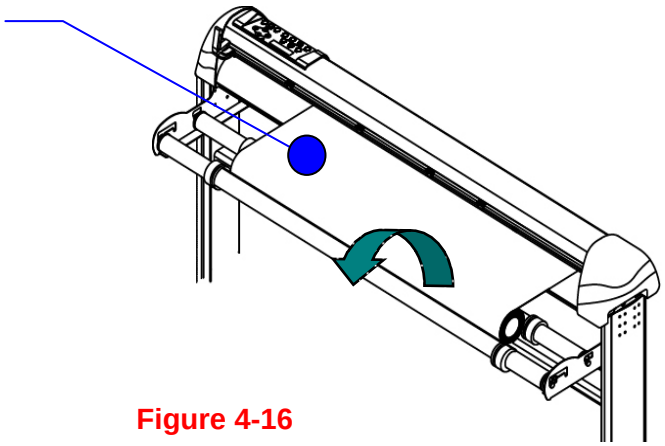


Figure 4-16

4. Engage pinch rollers.
5. Fixes roll media guide bushes on the roll holder to secure the roll media.
6. The protrusion length of the blade should be longer than the thickness of the vinyl. (Please check the “Blade Specification: About the Tool” in Appendix.) After you notice all the above, you’ll enjoy your gigantic signs production!

4.6 When Completing the Cutting Job

After completing the cutting job, raise the sheet-loading lever, and then remove the material. You can also cut off the finished job by the Safe Blade (a standard accessory) along the knife guide. (Figure 4-17)

Figure 4-17

4.7 Jaguar IV Print Driver setting

4.7.1 Jaguar IV Print Driver setting>Option Page

Die Cut

The Die Cut function must be activated with the Kiss Cut function to avoid the falling of cut-through materials and material jam beneath the carriage. Die Cut helps you to cut through the backing of the material while Kiss Cut cuts through only the top layer but not the backing. This will leave only tiny bits of the backing attached to the top layer, creating complete individual patterns with backing sheets (see figure 18 and 19).

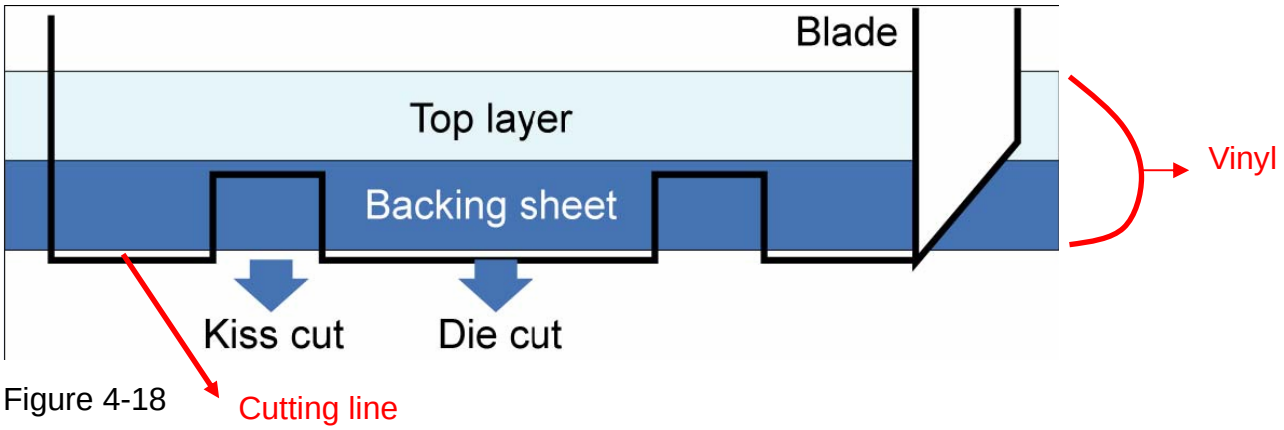


Figure 4-18

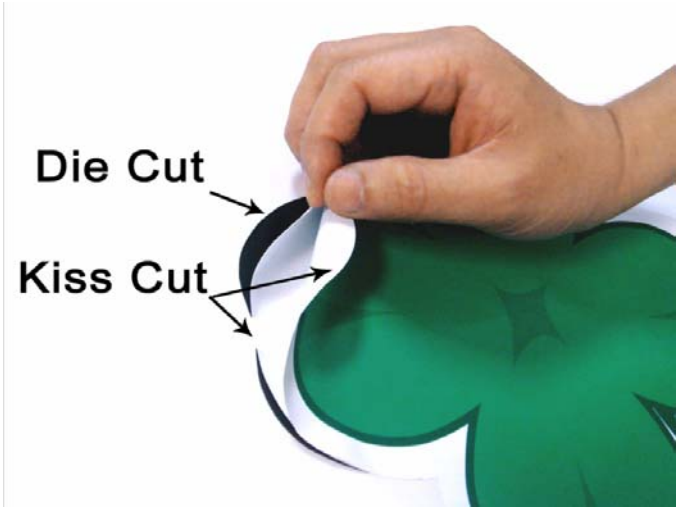
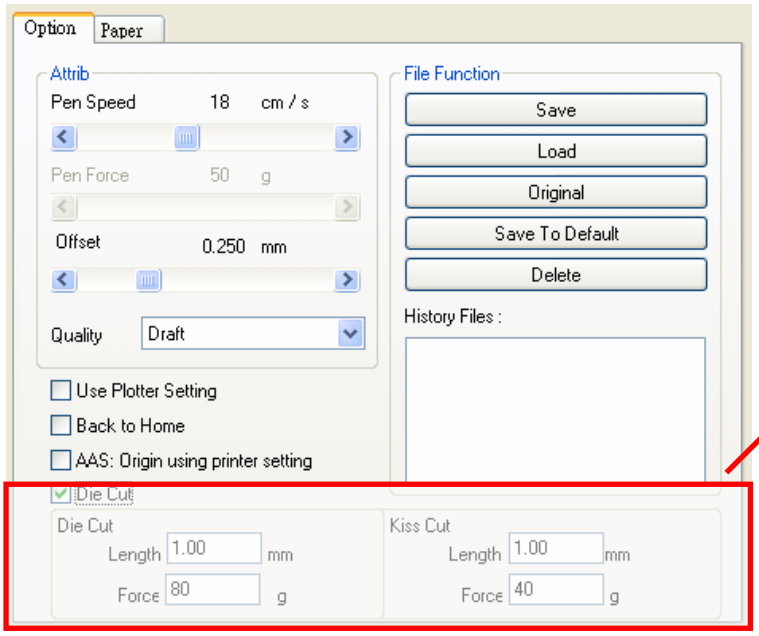


Figure 4-19

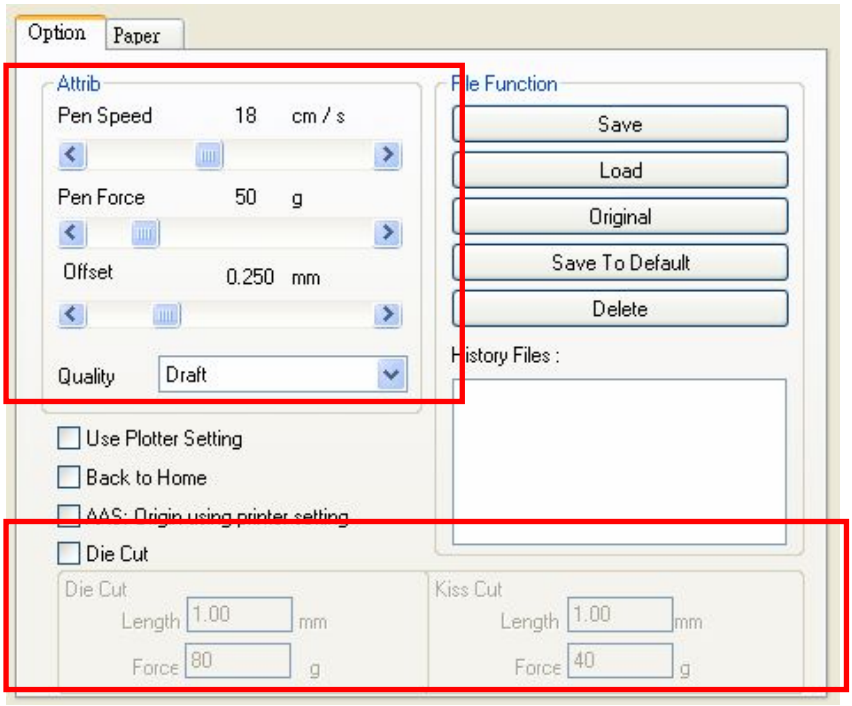
To activate the Die Cut function, go to “Option”, tick “Die Cut”, and enter the amount you wish for the “Length” and “Force” of both Die Cut and Kiss Cut, then click “OK” (see figure 19).



*Note:
The length setting for the cutting line of Die Cut is in the range of 0-2000mm whereas that of Kiss Cut is 0-100mm.

Figure 4-20

When the job is completed and you untick the Die Cut function, you will be able to adjust the pen speed, pen force, and offset in the section on the top following normal operating procedures (see figure 20).



Note:
1. The extension of the blade has to be set to cut through both the top layer and the backing in the very beginning. You then adjust the tool force for the best cutting performance.
2. Once the Die Cut function is activated, it will perform on all the line segments on the object.

Figure 4-21

4.7.2 Jaguar IV Print Driver setting>Paper Page

Connecting Multiple Cutters to one PC

This function allows your computer to recognize the cutter you wish to perform your job on from other cutters with the same model name and printers connected at the same time, eliminating its confusion when you send your image to the cutter.

To activate this function, go to “Paper” and tick “Connecting Multiple Cutters to one PC” (see figure 22). Please do not tick this box if only one cutting plotter is in use.

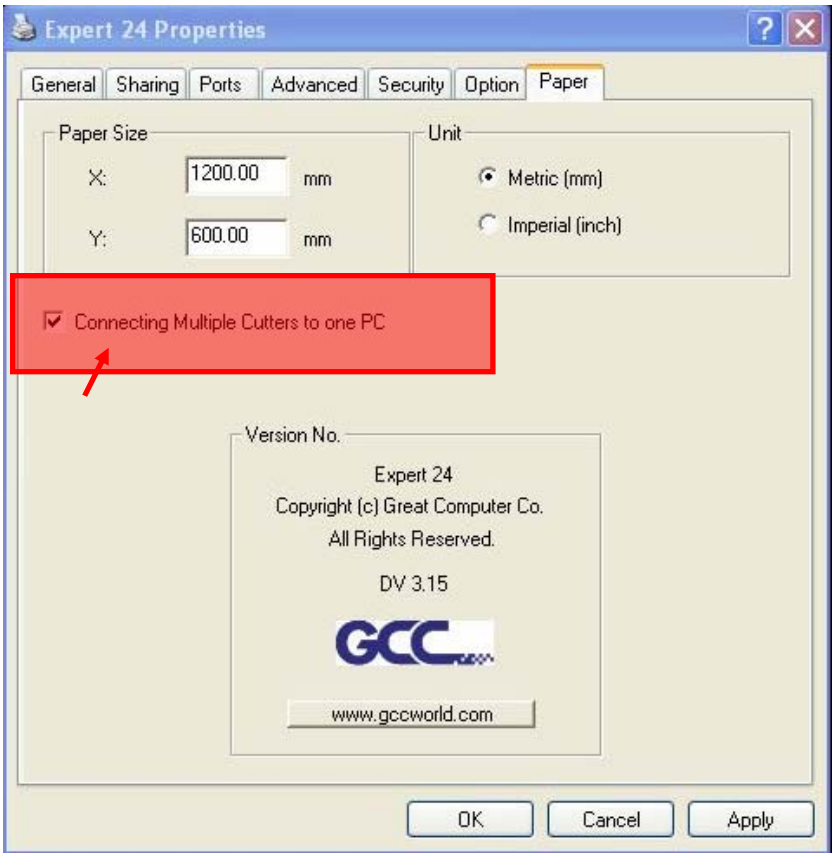


Figure 4-22

When you are prompted to this window below, change your port setting manually.

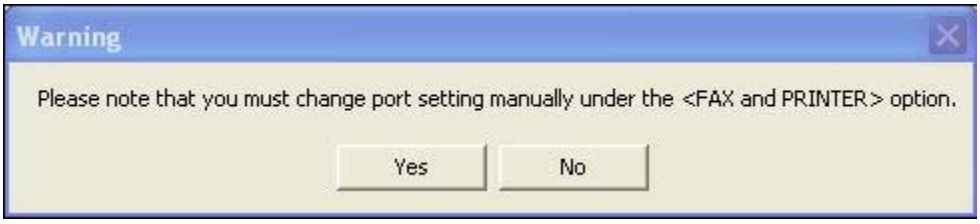


Figure 4-23

To do this, please go to “Printers and Faxes”, right click on the model you would like to work on and click on “Properties”.

Go to “Ports” and tick the corresponding USB port (see figure 24). When this is completed, apply the same steps to other cutters you would like to work on (see figure 5). Please make sure you connect each cutter back to the same corresponding USB port every time.

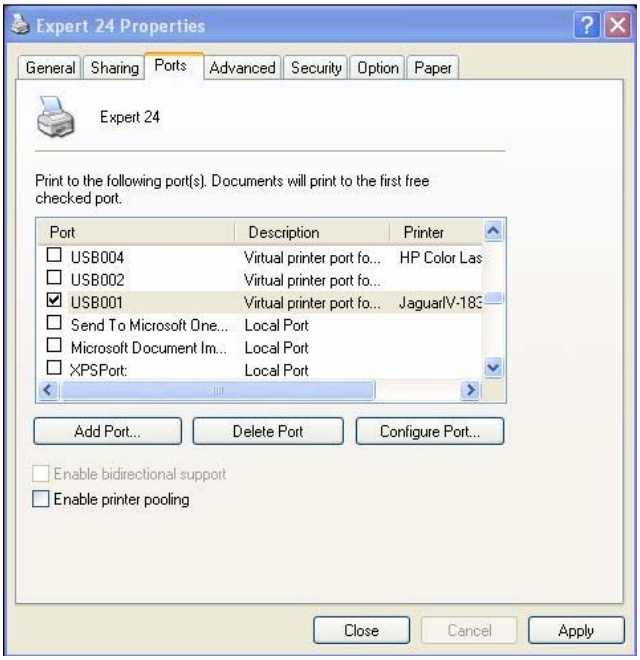


Figure 4-24

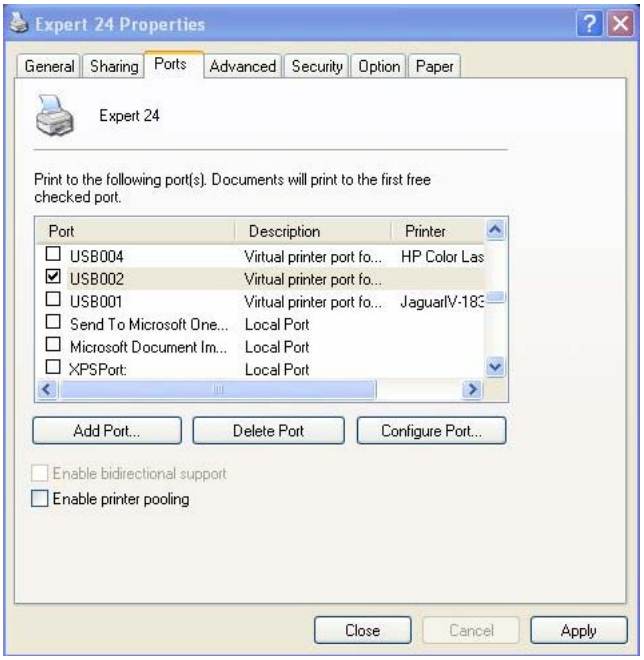


Figure 4-25

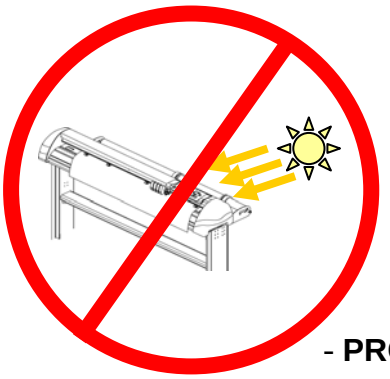
Chapter 5 Accu-Aligning System

5.1 Introduction

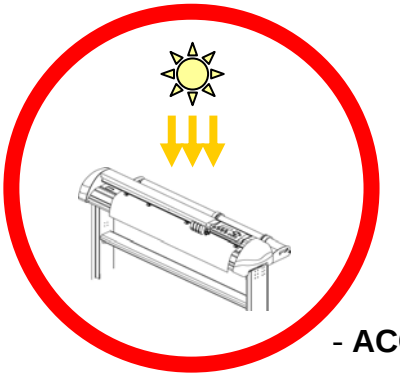
The Jaguar IV series cutting plotters feature a standard Accu-Aligning System (AAS II) to guarantee precise contour cutting quality by detecting the registration marks printed around the graphic.

Notice

- Avoid any kind of light source horizontally illuminating the AAS module.



- **PROHIBITED**



- **ACCEPTABLE**

- DO NOT take off the cover of AAS module while in operation.

- **PROHIBITED**

5.2 AAS Calibrating the System

The AAS system has one calibration procedures to ensure maximum accuracy of AAS operation. To operate the AAS you need to learn about the method of media feeding firstly. (Refer to 4.1 Media Loading.)

5.2.1 Media Calibration

Media Calibration is to ensure the sensor being able to recognize the registration marks. The factory default works on a wide range of materials. However, certain types of materials may not work properly. Performing a media calibration may become necessary while working with such materials to change the sensitivity of AAS for greater reliability. Media calibration adjusts the media feeding according to media type for better accuracy during cutting.

- **When to use**

  We suggest white media for best cutting result. It is not necessary to perform media calibration every time unless the registration marks on the printed media become undetectable in AAS sensing process.

5.2.2 AAS Calibration

The first registration mark is designed to be different in order to identify the origin for AAS auto-detection. The following precaution must be aware for registration marks to be read automatically.

- Type of media
- Registration mark pattern
- Reading range required for detection the registration marks
- Position for registration marks and medium

The registration marks have to be:

- Created by cutting software like SignPal or GCC CorelDRAW plug-in
- In black color
- “L” Mark Length: 10mm~50mm, suggested 25 mm
- “L” Mark Thickness: 1mm~2mm, suggested 1 mm
- Margin: 1mm~50mm, suggested 5 mm

The cutter can not detect the marks while:

- Cutter carriage is not located near the outside area of first mark before detecting (See the picture in page 5-7 for auto-detecting area of first mark.)
- Medium thickness is more than 0.8mm
- Transparent medium is used

- Non-monochrome drawing. The marks can't be read if is printed on colored medium
- Dirty or creased medium surface

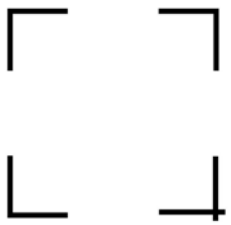
5.2.3 AAS II on Jaguar IV

There are three types of AAS II mark patterns: 4-Point Positioning, Segmental Positioning, and Multiple Copies. Note that before print out your designs by inkjet printers, the registration marks have to be created on your graphic designs by cutting software like SignPal, EasySign or GCC CorelDraw plug-in. Hand-made marks or drawings won't be reorganized by GCC cutting plotters. For more details about registration mark setting in cutting software, please refer to '**Appendix A-3** : CorelDraw Plug-In Instruction", '**Appendix A-4** : SignPal 8.5 Instruction', '**Appendix A-5** : EasySIGN Instruction' and '**Appendix A-6** : GreatCut Instruction.

1. **4-Point Positioning**

   This is the basic mark pattern that AAS II will auto detect four registration marks and contour cut images inside those marks.

   - Command: Esc.D1;(XDist);(YDist):
   - Layout: 4 L-shaped marks at the 4 corners around the design



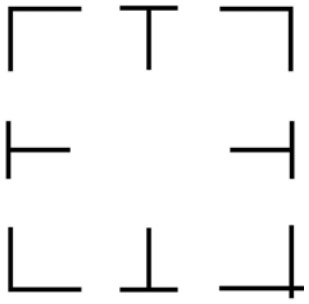
2. **Segmental Positioning**

   In addition to 4 original points, the intermediate registration marks are added on both X axis and Y axis to help contour cut accurately, especially for cutting large images.

   - **Command:** Esc.D2;(XDist);(YDist);(XStep);(YStep):
   - **Layout:**

     In-between distance on X: 200~600mm, default 300mm

     In-between distance on Y: 200-600mm, default 300mm

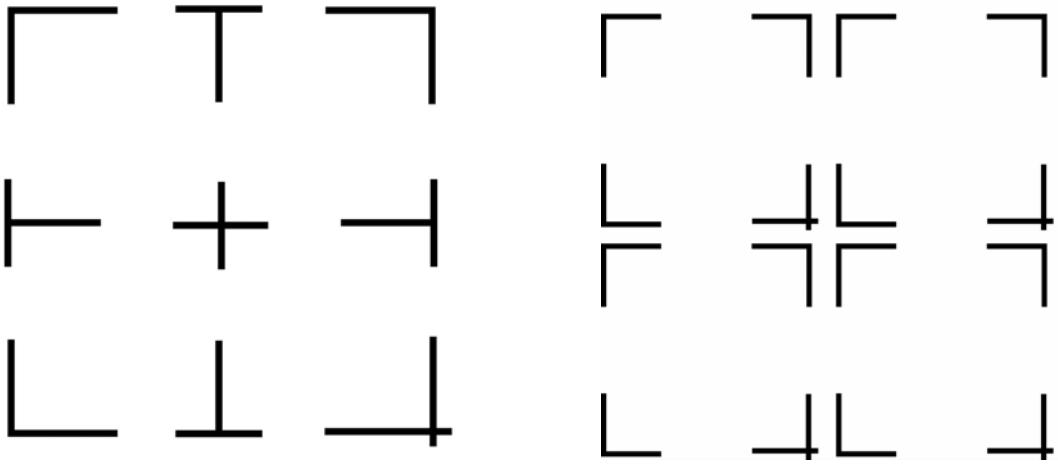


3. Multiple Copies

The function is used to duplicate images to let you cut quantities of images at a time.The AAS II sensor will automatically scan registration marks for each individual image to ensure the contour cutting precision.

- **Command:** Esc.D3;(XCopies);(YCopies);(Space):
- **Layout:**

Condition 1 (Default) Condition 2



5.3 Printer Test

Before performing AAS contour cutting, it's recommended to print out a test file that you can find in the enclosed Installation CD to make sure the AAS II cutting accuracy of Jaguar IV.

There are two testing files for AASII:

1. AAS II_X_Y_Offset_Caberation_A4 .eps (A4 size)
2. AAS II_X_Y_Offset_Caberation_600_600 .eps (Default setting, it is recommended for testing)

- Print out the testing graphic. (Please use high precision printer)
- Load the graphic to Jaguar IV and sent the file to test the cutting job
- If there is any adjustments had to be made, you can change the offset value by following the steps:
  - ∗ Measure the offset values from the printed line and the actual cutting line.
  - ∗ Enter the AAS Offset under MISC function for the values you just measured, then press Enter
  - ∗ Test the cutting again

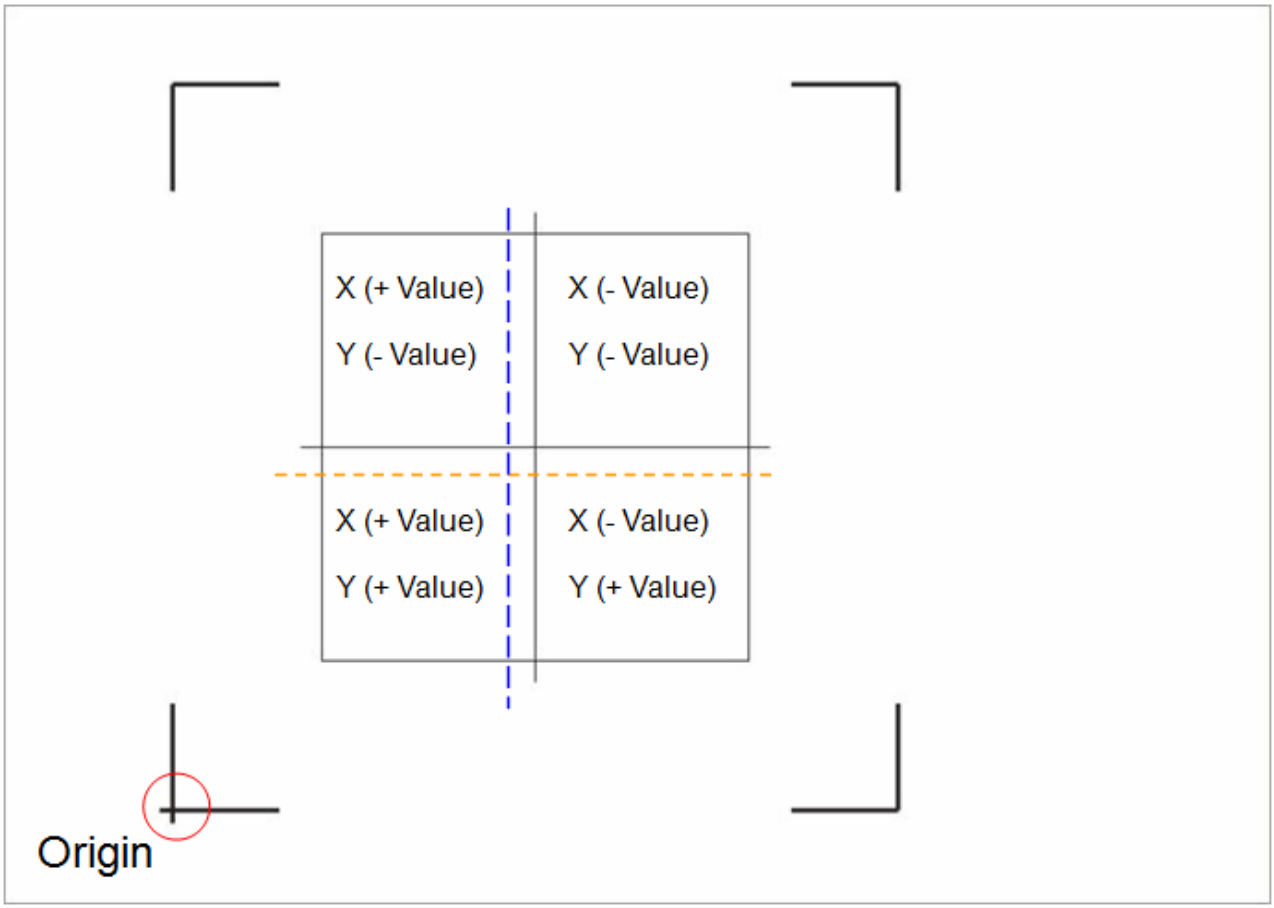
∗ AAS II offset X and Y value is defined as following:
Horizontal line is defined as X and vertical is defined as Y

∗ When the actual cutting line and the printed line need to be changed towards the direction of origin mark, then simply add the ***negative*** value of the offset. If the direction is from the opposite of the origin mark, then enter ***positive*** values for the offset. This method apply on both X and Y axle.

For example:

If the values set in cutter is X: 0.50 mm Y 0.50 mm and the measurement is X1:-0.25 mm Y 1:+0.25 mm. (In following figure, the Blue Line refers to the Y Value, and the Red Line refers toe the X value.)

We need to adjust AASII offset X new : (X + X1) Y new : (Y + Y1) which means X new : 0.25 mm Y new : 0.75, then save the set new value to cutter.



Note:

- Before adjusting the AAS II settings, please proceed scaling for width and length.
- The blade offset value isn't set for this test graphic, please set it according to the blade you use.
- If you have any question, please contact us or your local distributor for assistance.

5.4 Contour Cutting

For accurate contour cutting with AAS function, please proceed the following steps:

Step 1 **Creating Graphics**

■ Create the graphic that you want to print and cut in your software.

■ Create a contour for cutting around the graphic.

TIPS1: Leave some space between the graphic and contour line.

TIPS2: Create the contour in a separate layer and assign a different color for it.

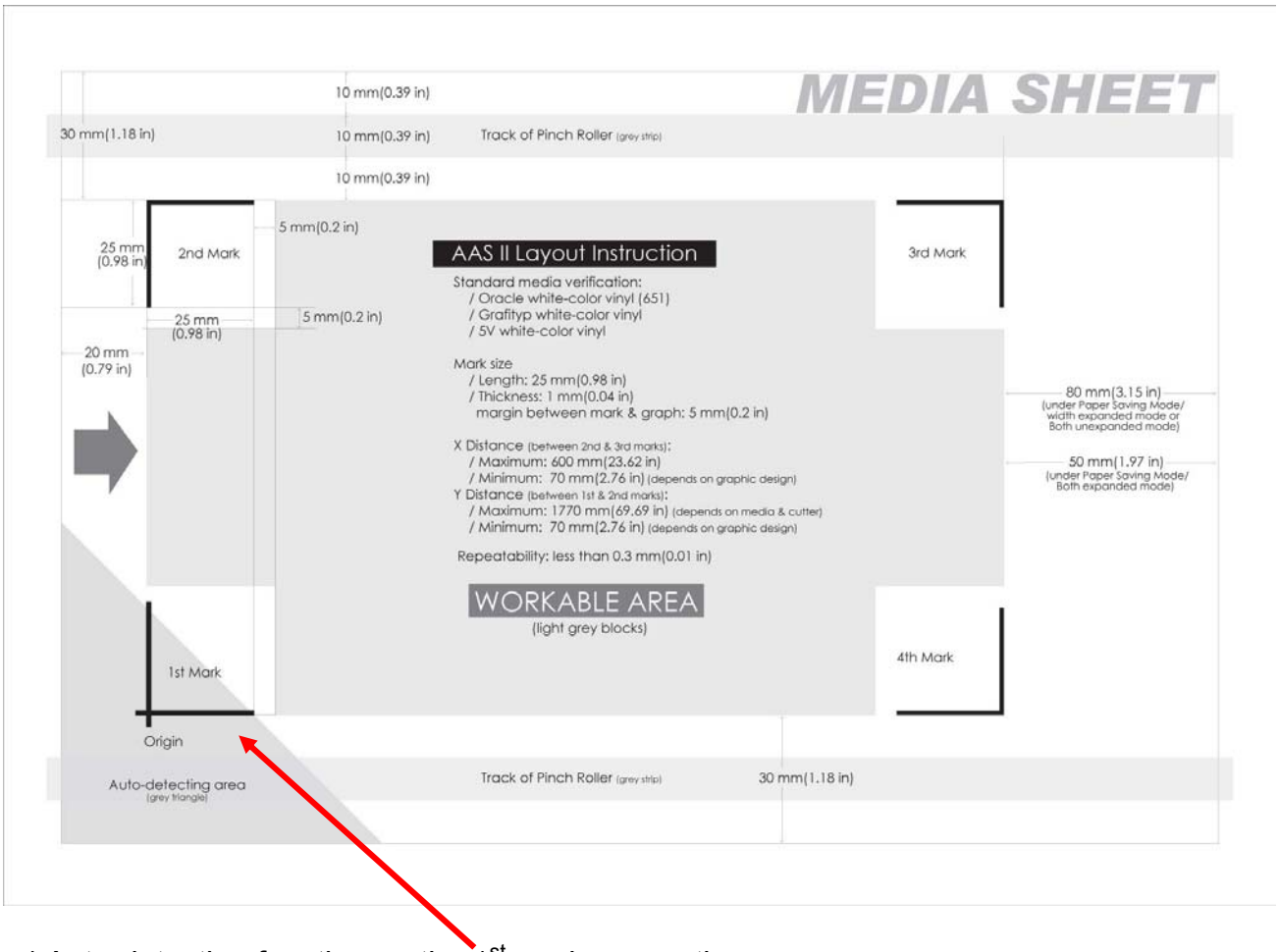
■ Add registration marks around the graphic.

Note:

The Multiple Copies function is also available. It automatically copy the graphic and registration marks.

Step 2 Placing the Registration Marks

■ The AAS Layout Instruction:


MEDIA SHEET
10 mm(0.39 in)
30 mm(1.18 in)
10 mm(0.39 in)
Track of Pinch Roller (grey strip)
10 mm(0.39 in)
25 mm (0.98 in)
2nd Mark
5 mm(0.2 in)
AAS II Layout Instruction
3rd Mark
Standard media verification:
/ Oracle white-color vinyl (651)
/ Grafityp white-color vinyl
/ 5V white-color vinyl
25 mm (0.98 in)
5 mm(0.2 in)
20 mm (0.79 in)
Mark size
/ Length: 25 mm(0.98 in)
/ Thickness: 1 mm(0.04 in)
margin between mark & graph: 5 mm(0.2 in)
80 mm(3.15 in)
(under Paper Saving Mode/ width expanded mode or Both unexpanded mode)
X Distance (between 2nd & 3rd marks):
/ Maximum: 600 mm(23.62 in)
/ Minimum: 70 mm(2.76 in) (depends on graphic design)
Y Distance (between 1st & 2nd marks):
/ Maximum: 1770 mm(69.69 in) (depends on media & cutter)
/ Minimum: 70 mm(2.76 in) (depends on graphic design)
50 mm(1.97 in)
(under Paper Saving Mode/ Both expanded mode)
Repeatability: less than 0.3 mm(0.01 in)
WORKABLE AREA
(light grey blocks)
1st Mark
4th Mark
Origin
Auto-detecting area
(grey triangle)
Track of Pinch Roller (grey strip)
30 mm(1.18 in)

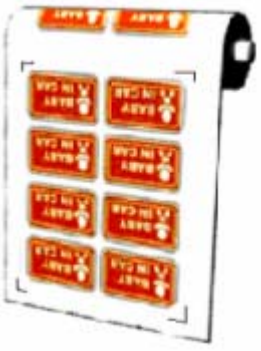
* Auto-detection function on the 1st mark covers the grey area

■ Suggested 30mm margin on both left and right sides of media sheet.

■ Suggested 20~30mm margin on top of media sheet, and at least 50mm margin on the bottom edge to prevent sheets dropping or any error occurred while media sizing.

Step 3 Print the Graphics

■ Print the graphic and the marks with your printer

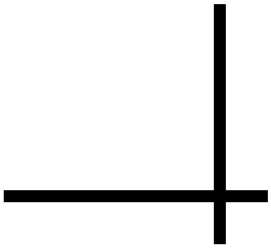


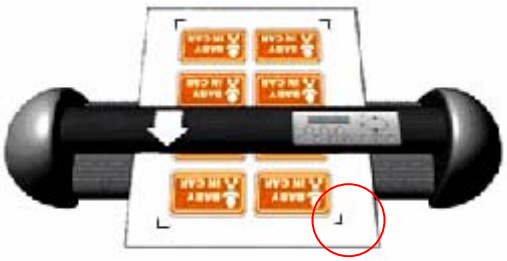
(Scaling = 100%).

■ When printing on a roll media, make sure the orientation as following:

Step 4 **Load the printout onto cutter**

■ The Origin Mark is is different from the rest registration marks. Please make sure the media is fed with correct direction.





Step 5 **Cut the Contour**

■ Send out the command from software to perform the contour cutting job.

5.5 Tips for AAS

For getting better results of contour cutting, there are some tips below for your reference.

- Keep light sources simple and avoid illuminating from the sides of cutter.
- Before operating AAS, change the maximum paper size in Jaguar IV driver property.
  STEP 1 Find the **Puma III model** in the “Printer & Fax” folder of your PC.
  STEP 2 Open the Properties window and select the “Paper” tab.
  STEP 3 Change the maximum Paper Size of X to **1200**mm.
- Adjust the cutting speed to between 300~600mm/sec.
- Avoid the registration marks locating on the tracks of pinch rollers.

6. Maintenance

This chapter explains the basic maintenance (i.e. cleaning the cutting plotter) required for the cutting plotter. Except for the procedures mentioned below, all other maintenance must be performed by a qualified service technician.

6.1 Cleaning the Cutting Plotter

Cleaning the machine properly and regularly will ensure optimal performance out of your machine.

Cleaning Precaution !

- Unplug the cutting plotter before cleaning it in order to prevent electrical shock.
- Never use solvents, abrasive cleaners or strong detergents for cleaning. They may damage the surface of the cutting plotter and the moving parts.

Recommended Methods:

- Gently wipe the cutting plotter surface with a lint-free cloth. If necessary, with a damp cloth immersed in water or alcohol. Dry and wipe any remaining residue off a soft, lint-free cloth.
- Wipe all dust and dirt from the tool carriage rails.
- Use a vacuum cleaner to empty any accumulated dirt and media residue beneath the pinch roller housing.
- Clean the platen, paper sensors and pinch rollers with a damp cloth immersed in water or alcohol, and dry with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- Wipe dust and dirt from the stand.

6.2 Cleaning the Grid Drum

1. Turn off the cutting plotter, and move the tool carriage away from the area needed to be cleaned.

2. Raise the pinch rollers and move them away from the grid drum for cleaning.

3. Use a bristle brush (a toothbrush is acceptable) to remove dust from the drum surface. Rotate the drum manually while cleaning. Refer to Figure 6-1.

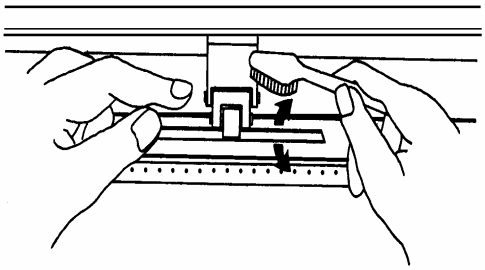


Figure 6-1

6.3 Cleaning the Pinch Rollers

1. If the pinch rollers require a thorough cleaning, use a lint-free cloth or cotton swab to wipe away the accumulated dust from the rubber portion of the pinch rollers. To prevent the pinch rollers from rotating while cleaning, use your finger to hold the pinch rollers to prevent them from rotation

2. To remove the deeply-embedded or persistent dust, use the lint-free cloth or cotton swab moistened with rubbing alcohol.

Note: The daily maintenance of your cutting plotter is very important. Be sure to clean up the grid drum and pinch rollers regularly for better cutting accuracy and output quality.

7. Trouble Shooting

This chapter is to help you correct some common problems you may come across. Prior to getting into the details of this chapter, please be sure that your application environment is compatible with the cutting plotter.

> **Note:**
> Before having your cutting plotter serviced, please make certain that the malfunction is in your cutting plotter, not the result of an interface problem or a malfunction in your computer or a software problem.

Why is the cutting plotter not functioning?

Possible Causes:

7.1 Non-Operational Problems

Check the following first:

- Does the AC power cord plug in properly?
- Does the AC power cord connected to the power connector properly?
- Does the power LED still illuminate?

Solutions:

If the LCM is able to display the message, the cutting plotter should be in a normal condition. Switch off the cutting plotter and turn it on again to see if the problem still existing.

If the LCM is not able to display any message, contact the technician from your dealer.

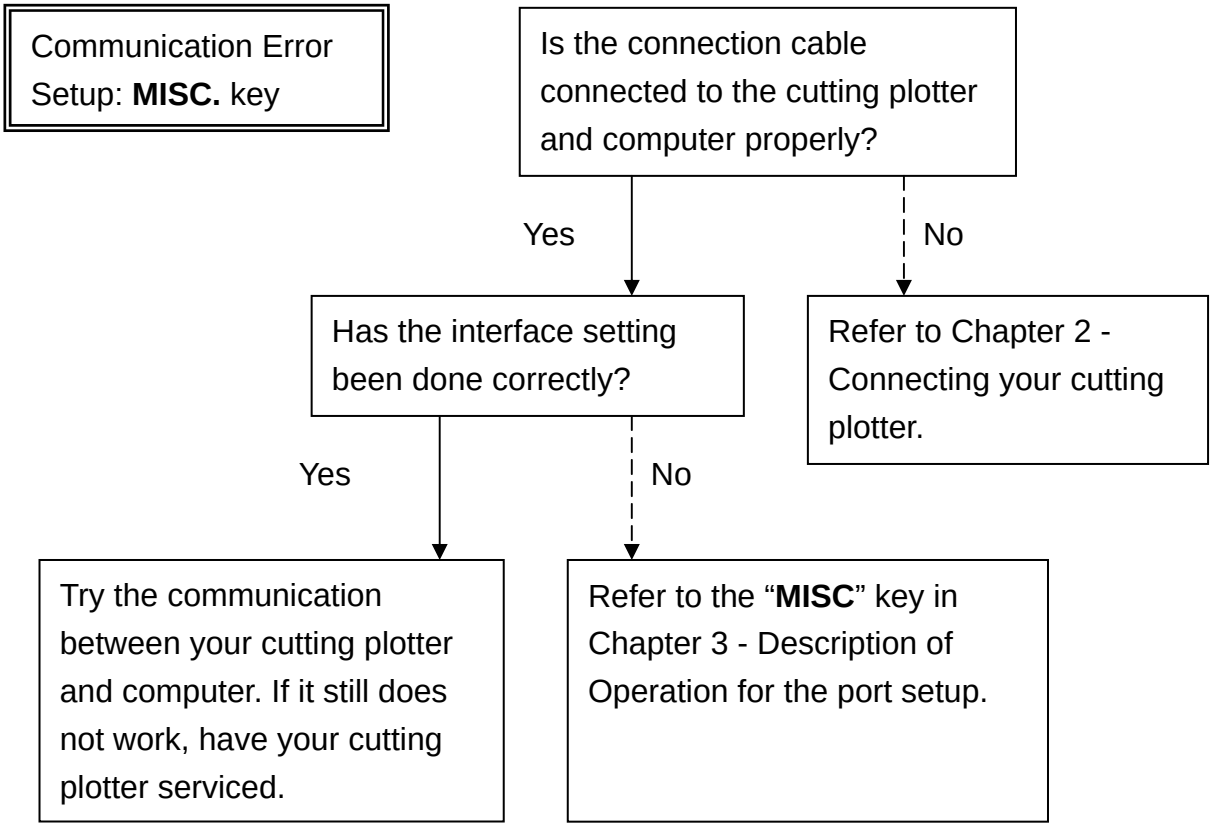
7.2 Operational Problems

Some mechanical problems or failure during operation will cause some problems. The error messages shown on the LCM present the problem first, and followed by recommended actions. If the problem still exists after the recommended actions have been done, have your cutting plotter serviced.

Error, Check Media Or Drum or X Motor	This message indicates that there might be a problem on the **X axis**. Check if the drum is working well and if the media is well loaded. Correct the problem and re-power on to reboot system.
Error, Check Media Or Y Motor	This message indicates that there might be an obstruction to carriage relating to a problem on the **Y axis**. Correct the problem and re-power on to reboot system.
Error, Check Carriage Sensor or VC Motor	This message indicates that the blade up/down sensor malfunction. Re-power on to re-boot system. If the problem still exists, find a serviceman.
Graph Was Clipped. Data In Buffer	This message indicates that the cutting exceeds the cutting limit. Reload larger media or re-scale the plot to a smaller size; then press the key followed by the display of LCM to continue.

7.3 Cutting Plotter/Computer Communication Problems

The messages showed below present problems in relation to cutting plotter/computer communication.


Communication Error
Setup: MISC. key
Is the connection cable connected to the cutting plotter and computer properly?
Yes
No
Has the interface setting been done correctly?
Refer to Chapter 2 - Connecting your cutting plotter.
Yes
No
Try the communication between your cutting plotter and computer. If it still does not work, have your cutting plotter serviced.
Refer to the "MISC" key in Chapter 3 - Description of Operation for the port setup.

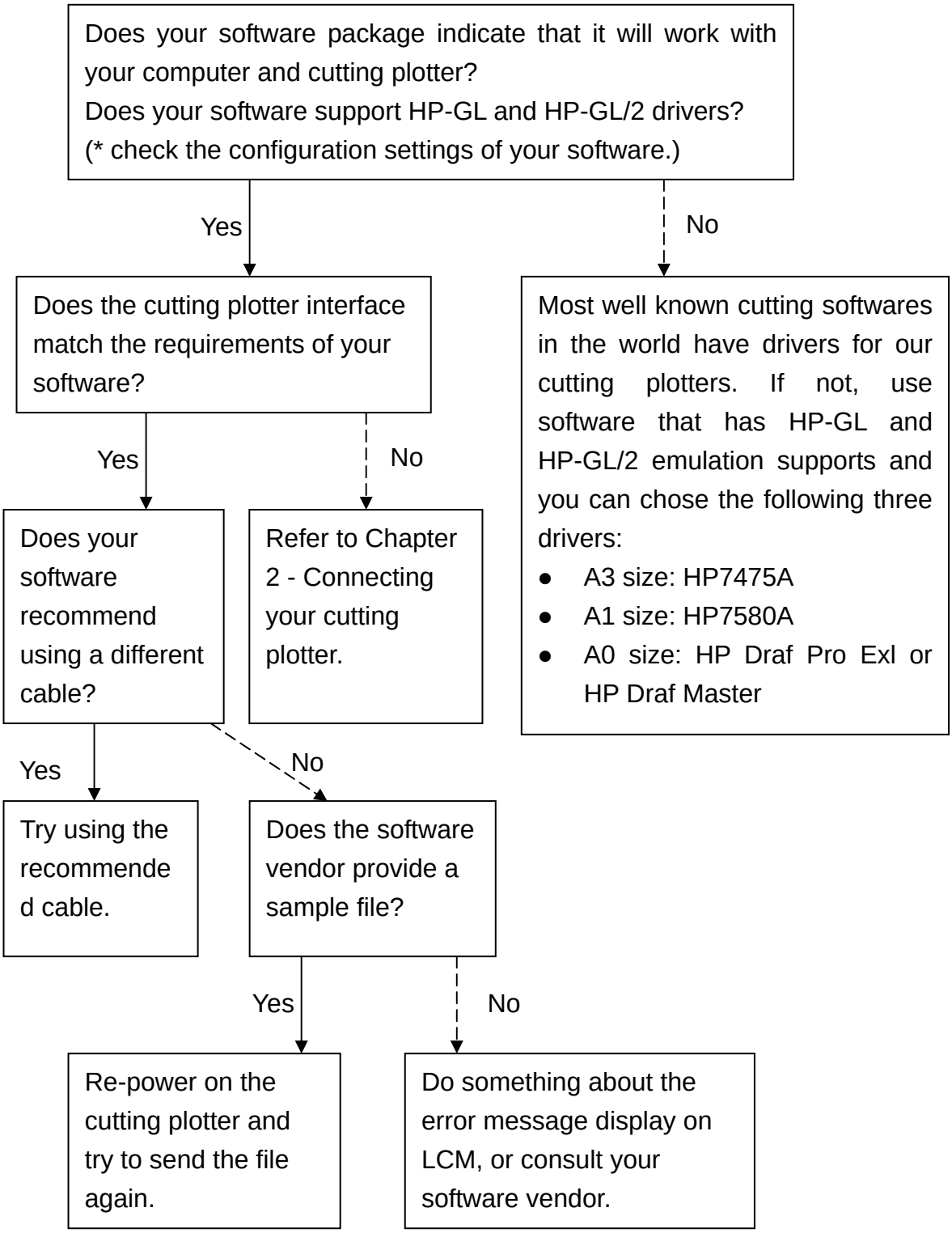
Note:
The computer also needs to set up compatible communication parameters to the cutting plotter set up.

HP-GL/2 Cmd. Error

If your cutting plotter can not recognize the HP-GL/2 or HP-GL commands, please check the HP-GL/2 or HP-GL commands applied to your cutting plotter are used properly.

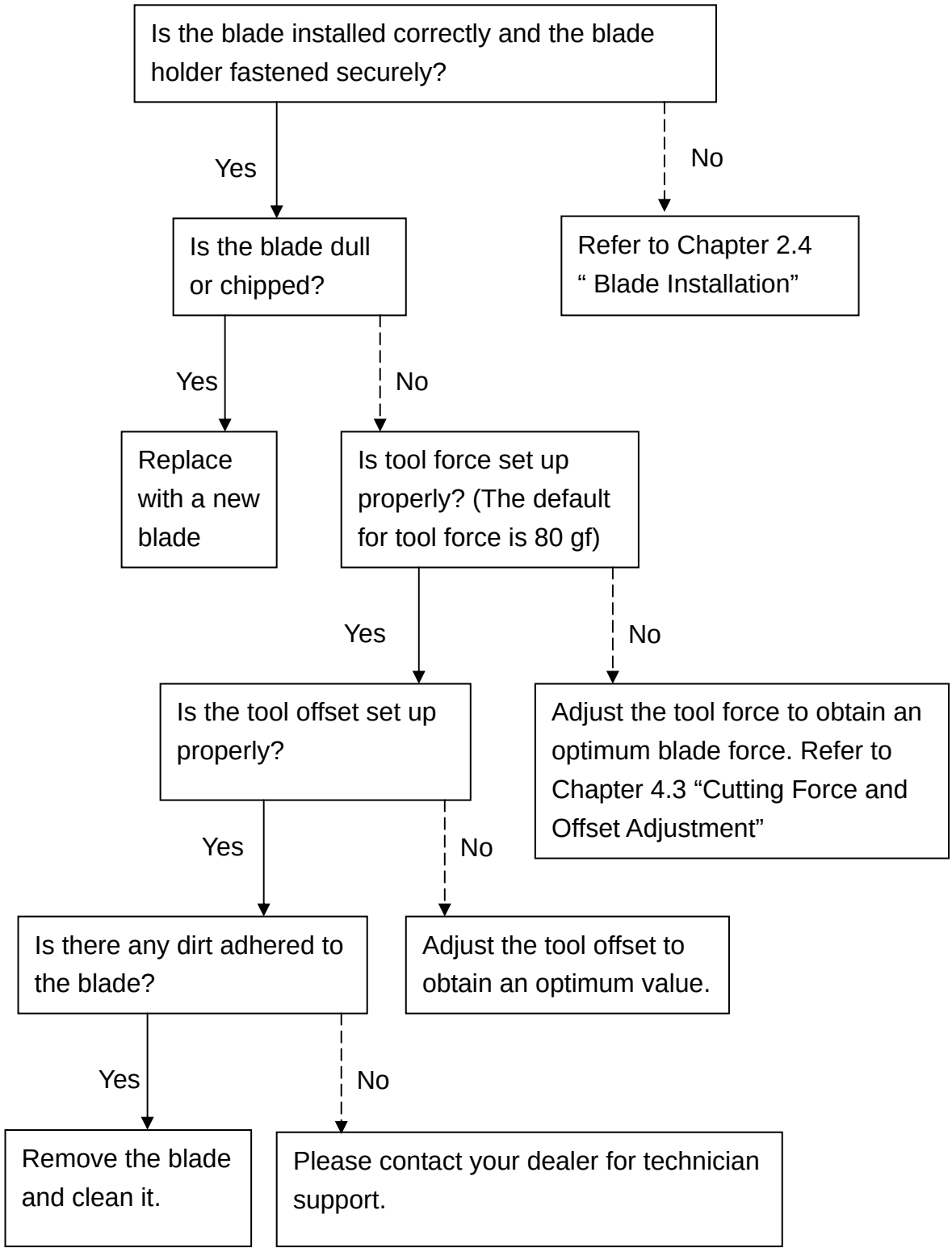
7.4 Software Problems

Check the following first:


Does your software package indicate that it will work with your computer and cutting plotter?
Does your software support HP-GL and HP-GL/2 drivers?
(* check the configuration settings of your software.)
Yes
No
Does the cutting plotter interface match the requirements of your software?
Most well known cutting softwares in the world have drivers for our cutting plotters. If not, use software that has HP-GL and HP-GL/2 emulation supports and you can chose the following three drivers:
A3 size: HP7475A
A1 size: HP7580A
A0 size: HP Draf Pro Exl or HP Draf Master
Yes
No
Does your software recommend using a different cable?
Refer to Chapter 2 - Connecting your cutting plotter.
Yes
No
Try using the recommende d cable.
Does the software vendor provide a sample file?
Yes
No
Re-power on the cutting plotter and try to send the file again.
Do something about the error message display on LCM, or consult your software vendor.

7.5 Cutting Quality Problems

Note: The daily maintenance of your cutting plotter is very important. Be sure to clean up the grid drum and pinch rollers regularly for better cutting accuracy and output quality.


Is the blade installed correctly and the blade holder fastened securely?
Yes
No
Is the blade dull or chipped?
Refer to Chapter 2.4 “ Blade Installation”
Yes
No
Replace with a new blade
Is tool force set up properly? (The default for tool force is 80 gf)
Yes
No
Is the tool offset set up properly?
Adjust the tool force to obtain an optimum blade force. Refer to Chapter 4.3 “Cutting Force and Offset Adjustment”
Yes
No
Is there any dirt adhered to the blade?
Adjust the tool offset to obtain an optimum value.
Yes
No
Remove the blade and clean it.
Please contact your dealer for technician support.

Jaguar IV Specification

Model Number		J4-61	J4-101S	J4-132S	J4-183S
Operational Method		Roller-Type			
Max. Cutting Width		610mm (24in)	1016mm (40in)	1320mm (52in)	1830mm(72in)
Max. Cutting Length		50m (164ft)			
Max. Media Loading Width		770mm (30.3in)	1270mm(50in)	1594mm(62.7in)	1900mm(74.8in)
Min. Media Loading Width		50mm (1.97in)			300mm (11.8in)
Number of Pinch Rollers		3	4		6
Acceptable Material Thickness		0.8mm (0.03in)			
Drive Motor		DC Servo Control			
Cutting Force		0~600 g			
Max. Cutting Speed		1530 mm/sec (60ips / Diagonal)			
Acceleration		4.2 G (gravity)			
Offset		0~1.0 mm (with an increase of 0.025mm)			
Memory Buffer		4 MB			
Interfaces		USB 2.0 (Full Speed), Parallel and Serial (RS-232C)			
Type of Command		HP-GL, HP-GL/2			
Mechanical Resolution		0.006 mm			
Software Resolution		0.025 mm			
Distance Accuracy		±0.254 mm or ±0.1% of move, whichever is greater			
Repeatability		±0.1mm			
Curve & Arc Smoothing		Yes			
Configurable Origin		Yes			
Test Cut capability		Yes			
Tangential- emulation		Yes			
Repeat		Yes			
Copy		Yes			
Pouncing		Yes			
Control Panel		LCD (20 digits x 2 lines), 14 Keys, 1 Power LED			
Power Supply		AC 100-240V, 50~60 Hz (auto switching)			
Power Consumption		Max. 110watts			
Dimension (HxWxD) mm		414 * 930 * 490	1166 * 1430 * 667	1166 * 1754 * 667	750 * 2170 * 1160
(HxWxD) in		16.3 * 36.6 * 19.2	45.9 * 56.0 * 26.3	45.9 * 69.1 * 26.3	29.5 * 85.4 * 45.7
Net Weight		37.2 kg	53.3 kg	61 kg	105 kg
Stand		Optional	Standard		
Accu-Aligning System		Standard AAS II			
Media Basket		Optional			
Operation Environment	Temperature	15°C~30°C / 60°F~86°F			
	Humidity	25% ~ 75%			

- Compatible with Windows 2000/XP/7/Vista.
- The specification and data sheet may vary with different materials used. In order to obtain the best output quality, please maintain the machine regularly and properly.
- GCC reserves the right to change the specifications at any time without notice.
- The above listed specification values are effective only when operated with media certified by GCC.

Jaguar IV_R Specification

Model Number		J4-61-R	J4-101-R	J4-132-R	J4-183-R
Operational Method		Roller-Type			
Max. Cutting Width		610mm (24in)	1016mm (40in)	1320mm (52in)	1830mm(72in)
Max. Cutting Length		50m (164ft)			
Max. Media Loading Width		770mm (30.3in)	1270mm(50in)	1594mm(62.7in)	1900mm(74.8in)
Min. Media Loading Width		50mm (1.97in)			300mm (11.8in)
Number of Pinch Rollers		3	4		6
Acceptable Material Thickness		0.8mm (0.03in)			
Drive Motor		DC Servo Control			
Cutting Force		0~600 g			
Max. Cutting Speed		1080 mm/sec (42.5 ips / Diagonal)			
Acceleration		4.2 G (gravity)			
Offset		0~1.0 mm (with an increase of 0.025mm)			
Memory Buffer		4 MB			
Interfaces		USB 2.0 (Full Speed), Parallel and Serial (RS-232C)			
Type of Command		HP-GL, HP-GL/2			
Mechanical Resolution		0.006 mm			
Software Resolution		0.025 mm			
Distance Accuracy		±0.254 mm or ±0.1% of move, whichever is greater			
Repeatability		±0.1mm			
Curve & Arc Smoothing		Yes			
Configurable Origin		Yes			
Test Cut capability		Yes			
Tangential- emulation		Yes			
Repeat		Yes			
Copy		Yes			
Pouncing		Yes			
Control Panel		LCD (20 digits x 2 lines), 14 Keys, 1 Power LED			
Power Supply		AC 100-240V, 50~60 Hz (auto switching)			
Power Consumption		Max. 110watts			
Dimension (HxWxD) mm		414 * 930 * 490	1166 * 1430 * 667	1166 * 1754 * 667	750 * 2170 * 1160
(HxWxD) in		16.3 * 36.6 * 19.2	45.9 * 56.0 * 26.3	45.9 * 69.1 * 26.3	29.5 * 85.4 * 45.7
Net Weight		37.2 kg	53.3 kg	61 kg	105 kg
Stand		Optional	Standard		
Accu-Aligning System		Standard AAS II			
Media Basket		Optional			
Operation Environment	Temperature	15°C~30°C / 60°F~86°F			
	Humidity	25% ~ 75%			

- The Jaguar IV-R series are specially designed for reflective films.
- Compatible with Windows 2000/XP/7/Vista.
- The specification and data sheet may vary with different materials used. In order to obtain the best output quality, please maintain the machine regularly and properly.
- GCC reserves the right to change the specifications at any time without notice.

- The above listed specification values are effective only when operated with media certified by GCC.

Jaguar IV_W Specification

Model Number		J4-101-W	J4-132-W	J4-183-W
Operational Method		Roller-Type		
Max. Cutting Width		1016mm (40in)	1320mm (52in)	1830mm(72in)
Max. Cutting Length		50m (164ft)		
Max. Media Loading Width		1270mm(50in)	1594mm(62.7in)	1900mm(74.8in)
Min. Media Loading Width		50mm (1.97in)		300mm (11.8in)
Number of Pinch Rollers		4		6
Acceptable Material Thickness		0.8mm (0.03in)		
Drive Motor		DC Servo Control		
Cutting Force		0~600 g		
Max. Cutting Speed		1530 mm/sec (60ips / Diagonal)		
Acceleration		4.2 G (gravity)		
Offset		0~1.0 mm (with an increase of 0.025mm)		
Memory Buffer		4 MB		
Interfaces		USB 2.0 (Full Speed), Parallel and Serial (RS-232C)		
Type of Command		HP-GL, HP-GL/2		
Mechanical Resolution		0.006 mm		
Software Resolution		0.025 mm		
Distance Accuracy		±0.254 mm or ±0.1% of move, whichever is greater		
Repeatability		±0.1mm		
Curve & Arc Smoothing		Yes		
Configurable Origin		Yes		
Test Cut capability		Yes		
Tangential- emulation		Yes		
Repeat		Yes		
Copy		Yes		
Pouncing		Yes		
Control Panel		LCD (20 digits x 2 lines), 14 Keys, 1 Power LED		
Power Supply		AC 100-240V, 50~60 Hz (auto switching)		
Power Consumption		Max. 110watts		
Dimension (HxWxD) mm		1166 * 1430 * 667	1166 * 1754 * 667	750 * 2170 * 1160
(HxWxD) in		45.9 * 56.0 * 26.3	45.9 * 69.1 * 26.3	29.5 * 85.4 * 45.7
Net Weight		53.3 kg	61 kg	105 kg
Stand		Standard		
Accu-Aligning System		Standard AAS II		
Media Basket		Optional		
Operation Environment	Temperature	15°C~30°C / 60°F~86°F		
	Humidity	25% ~ 75%		

- The Jaguar IV_W series are specially designed for window films.
- Compatible with Windows 2000/XP/7/Vista.
- The specification and data sheet may vary with different materials used. In order to obtain the best output quality, please maintain the machine regularly and properly.

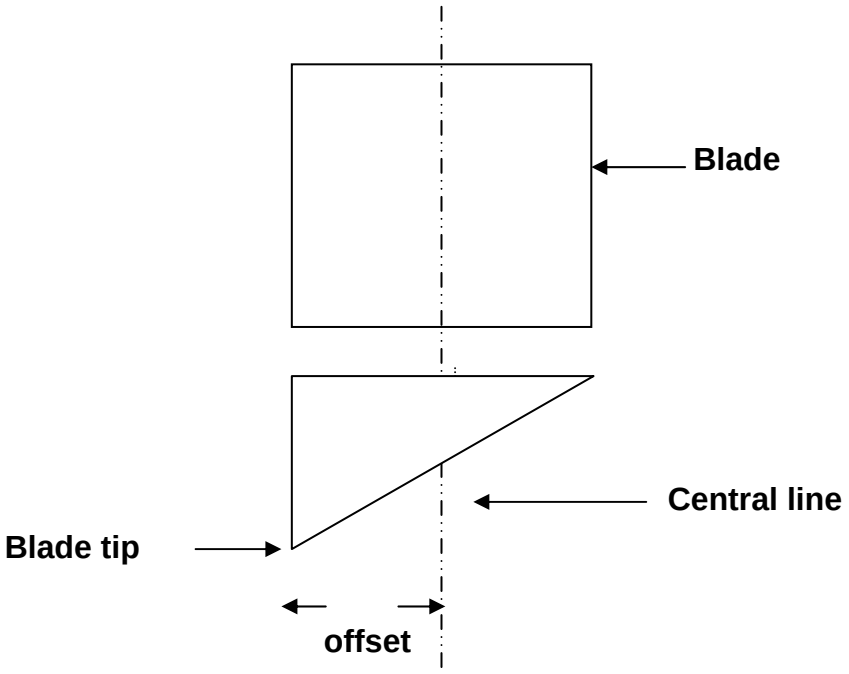
- GCC reserves the right to change the specifications at any time without notice.
- The above listed specification values are effective only when operated with media certified by GCC.

Blade Specification

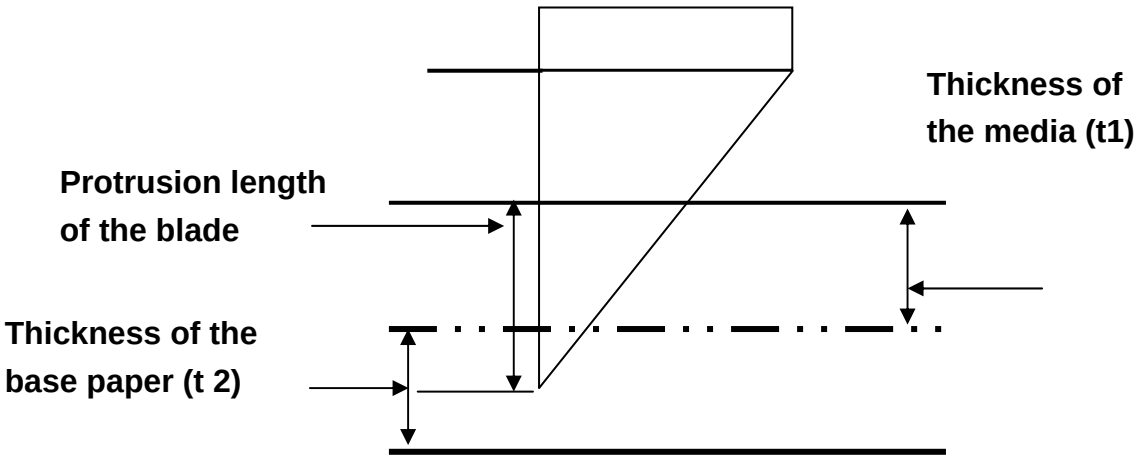
20200159G	For cutting thick fluorescent and reflective vinyl. Also for cutting detailed work in standard vinyl.
	The blade is 45° with **Red Cap**(5-unit package), 0.25 mm offset
265012020G	For cutting reflective vinyl, cardboard, sandblast, flock, and stencil sharp edge.
	The blade is 60° with **Green Cap**, 0.50 mm blade offset
26500059G	For cutting thin sandblast mask and stencil with friction feed or sprocket feed machine.
	The blade is 60° with **Blue Cap**, 0.25 mm blade offset
26500060G	For Cutting small text and fine detail. Sharp blade with smallest offset.
	The blade is 0.175 mm blade offset with **Black Cap**

About the Tool

A generic term referring to the blade that cuts the sheet, the pen that does plotting, and the LED bombsight (option) used for pointing to the reference point.
OFFSET is the distance that the blade tip is displaced from the centerline of the blade.



Protrusion Length of the Blade



Length of protrusion = t1 + t 2/ 2, but for your convenience you may just make it about 0.3mm ~ 0.5mm beyond the blade holder tip.

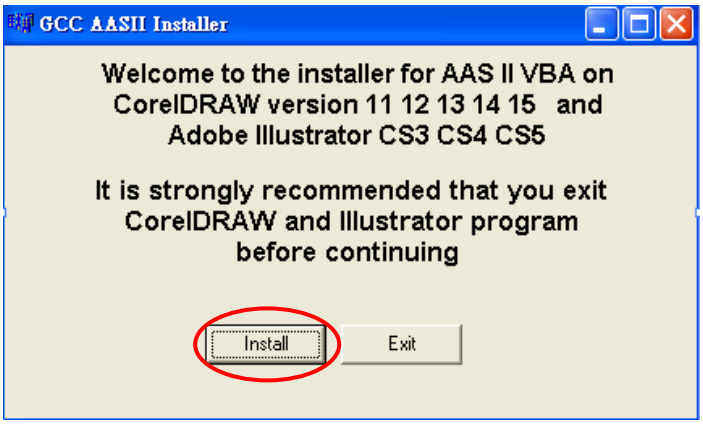
CorelDRAW Plug-In Instruction

AASII VBA Installer is applicable for CorelDRAW Version 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Installation

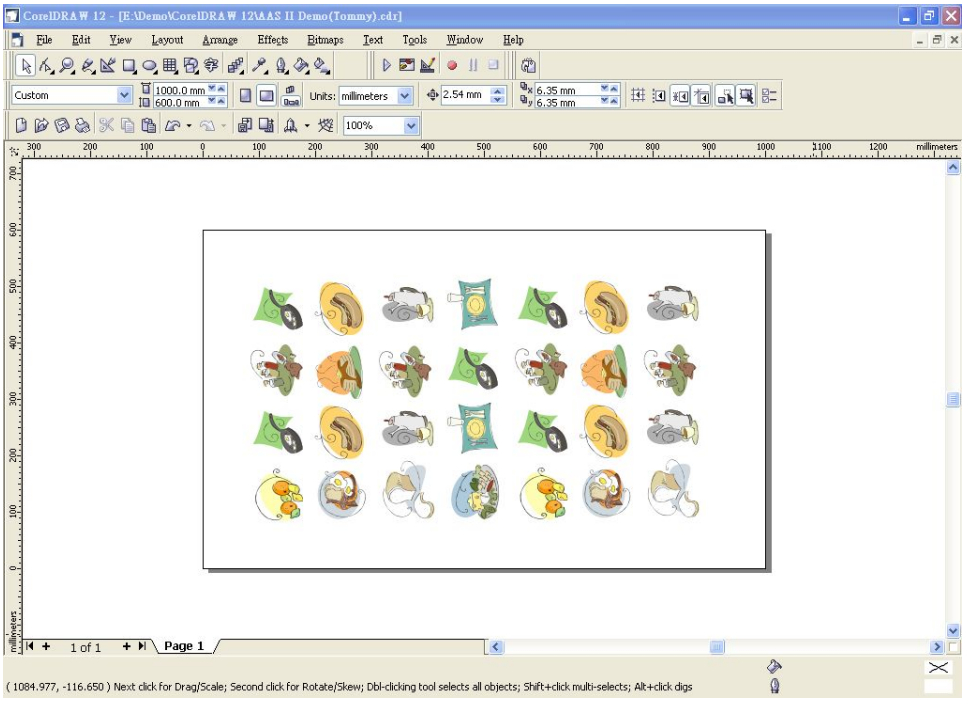
1. Check the “AAS CorelDraw Installer” folder in Jaguar IV Installation CD, and double click the “AASIIVBAInstaller.exe” file to run the installation program.

2. Press the “Install” button to begin installing GCC AASII CorelDRAW VBA.


GCC AASII Installer
Welcome to the installer for AAS II VBA on
CorelDRAW version 11 12 13 14 15 and
Adobe Illustrator CS3 CS4 CS5
It is strongly recommended that you exit
CorelDRAW and Illustrator program
before continuing
Install
Exit

User Instructions

1. Run CorelDRAW to edit your graphics and select all images at once when you wish to plot.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File Edit View Layout Arrange Effects Bitmaps Text Tools Window Help
Page 1
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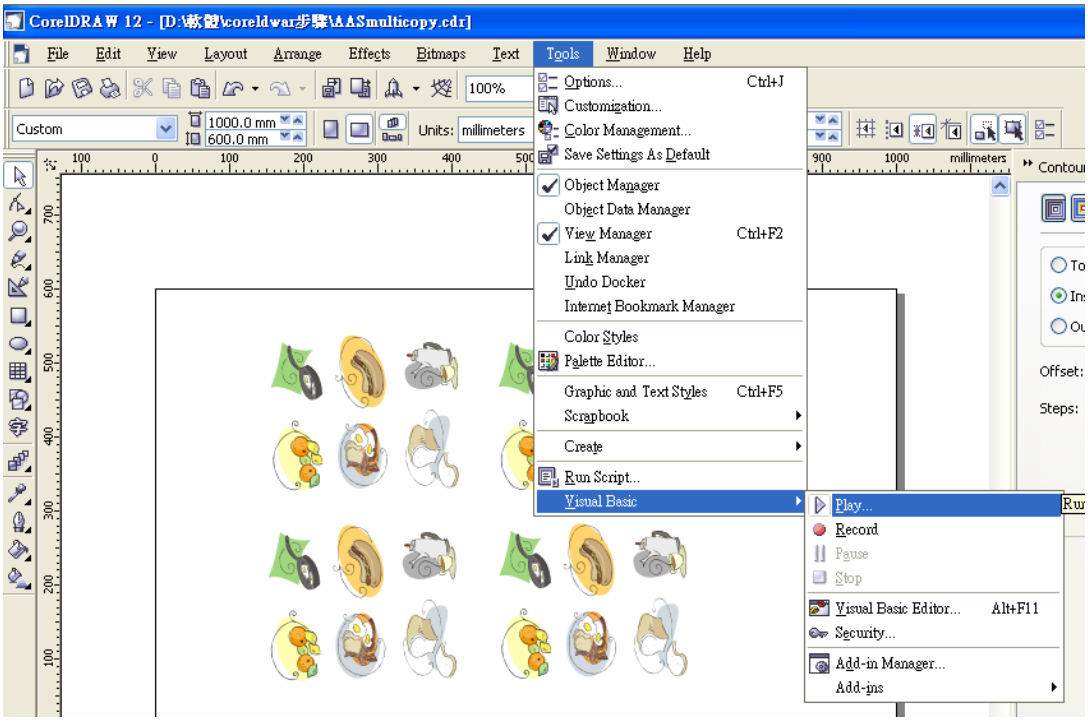
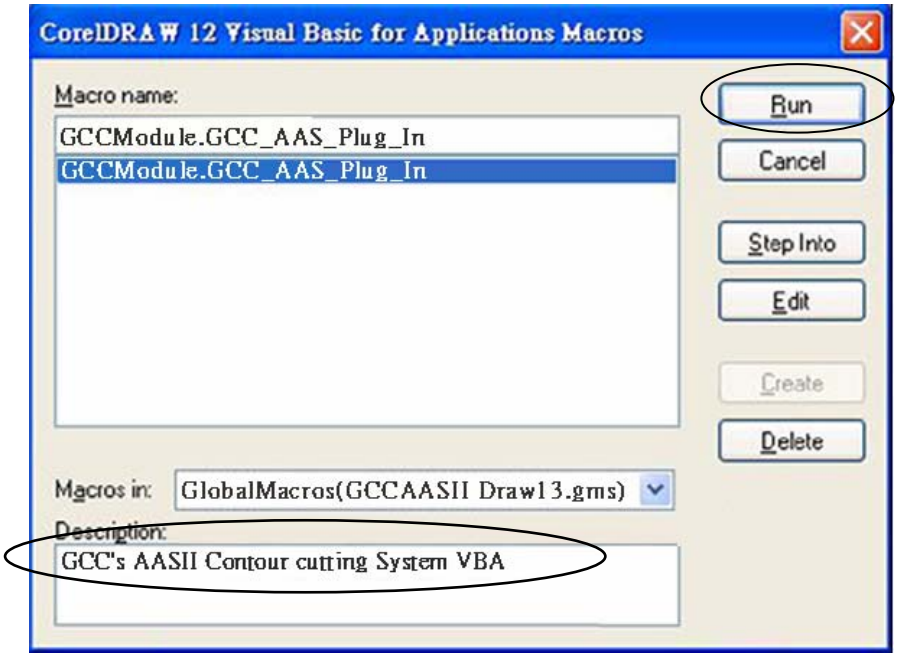
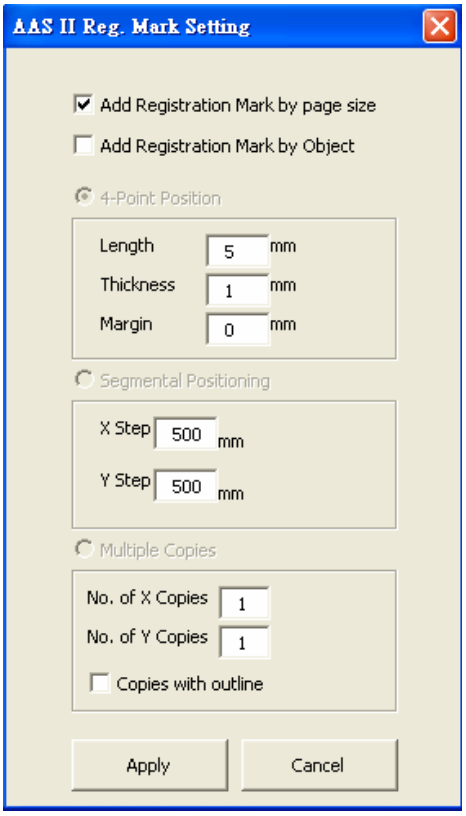
2. Select “Tools→Visual Basic→Play”.



The Visual Basic for Applications Marcos window will pop up. Select Global Macros(GCCAASII_Draw13.gms) under the “Macros in” manual, and press “Run”.



3. Click on “Apply” and select whether you would like to add the registration marks by page size or by object.

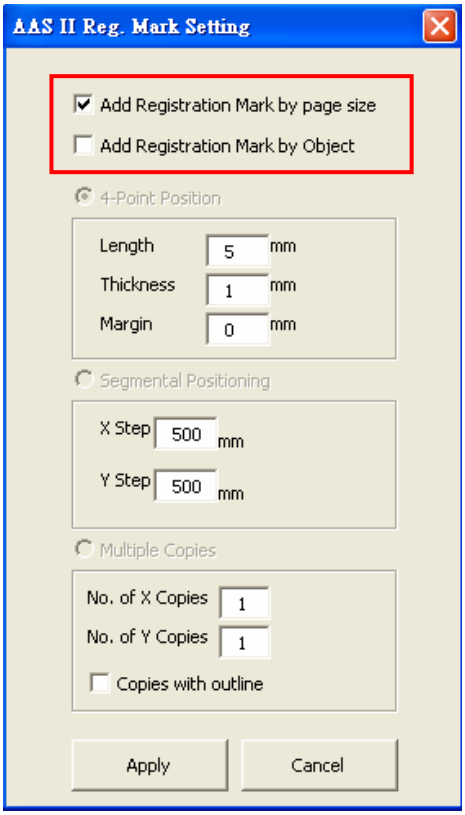


Note: “Add Registration Mark by Object” will be the default selection if you click on the image whereas “Add Registration Mark by page size” will be the default one when the blank area on the page is clicked.

4. Now you can print out the image file with registration marks.

Add Registration Mark by page size

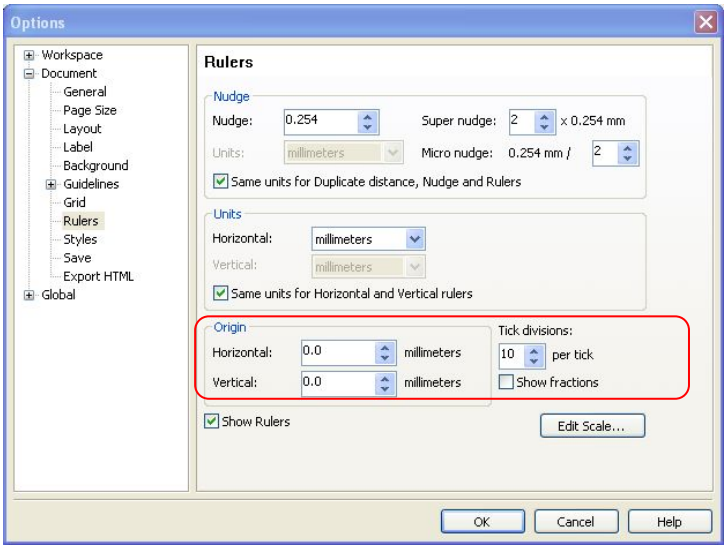
If you tick “Add Registration Mark by page size” as shown in the figure below and click “Apply”, your registration marks will be created automatically.



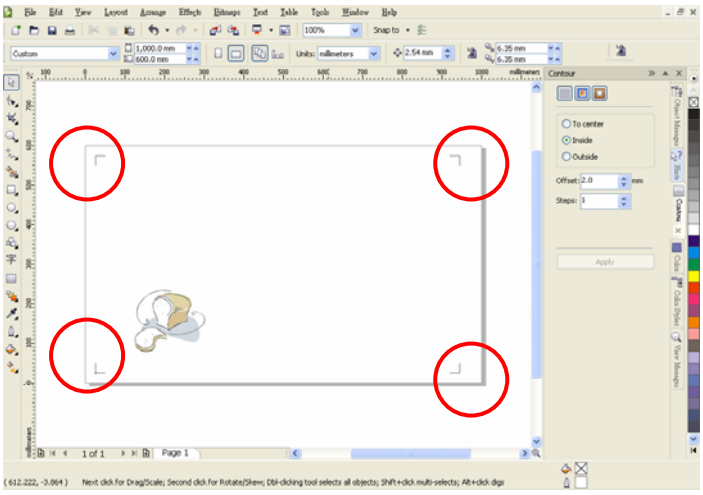
Note:

1. The length setting will be in the range of 5-25mm according to your page size.

2. Please DO NOT make any changes to the “Origin” section when you choose to add registration marks by page size as indicated below otherwise the position of the marks will be changed.

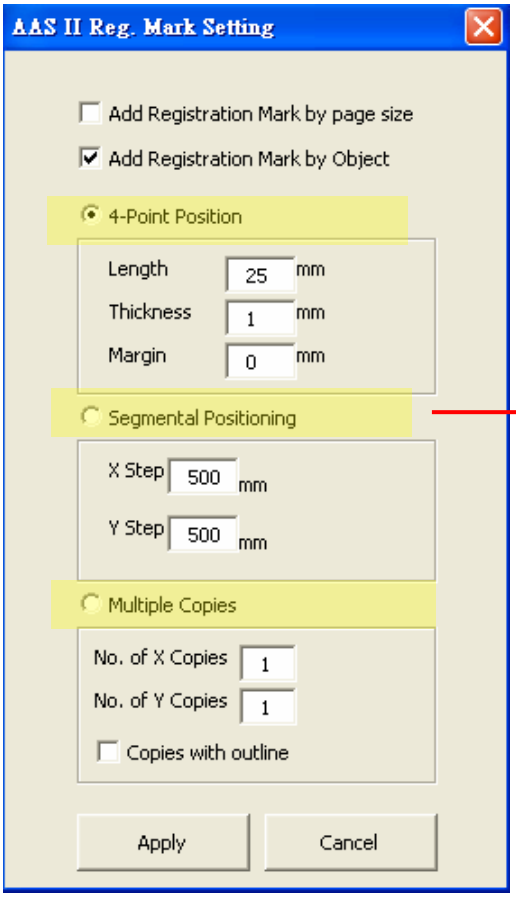


The system will create the 4 marks on the 4 corners of the page as shown in the picture below wherever you move your image.



Add Registration Mark by Object

If you tick “Add Registration Mark by Object”, you will be offered three options of registration marks as shown below.



4-Point Positioning

- Length: The length of marks
  → Range: 5mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 25mm
- Thickness: The line thickness of marks
  → Range: 1mm~2mm
  → Optimized Setting: 1mm
- Margin: The distance between marks and images
  → Range: 0mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 5mm

Segmental Positioning

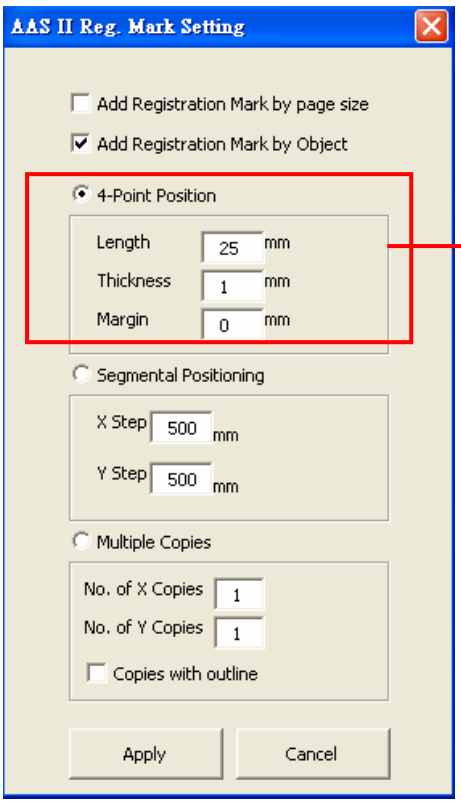
- X Step: The distance of intermediate position on the X axis
- Y Step: The distance of intermediate position on the Y axis
  → Range: 200mm~600mm
  → Optimized Setting: Less than 500mm

Multiple Copies

- No. of X Copies: The numbers of copies on X axis
- No. of Y Copies: The numbers of copies on Y axis
  → Range: 1~50. (The more copies you make, the more time is needed for data transmission.)
  → Numbers of X Copies * Numbers of Y Copies = The total amount of image copies
- Copies with outline： To show outlines of image graphics

Note: The values entered in the “4-Point Positioning” section (length, thickness and margin) will still be applied when you tick “Segmental Positioning” or “Multiple Copies”.

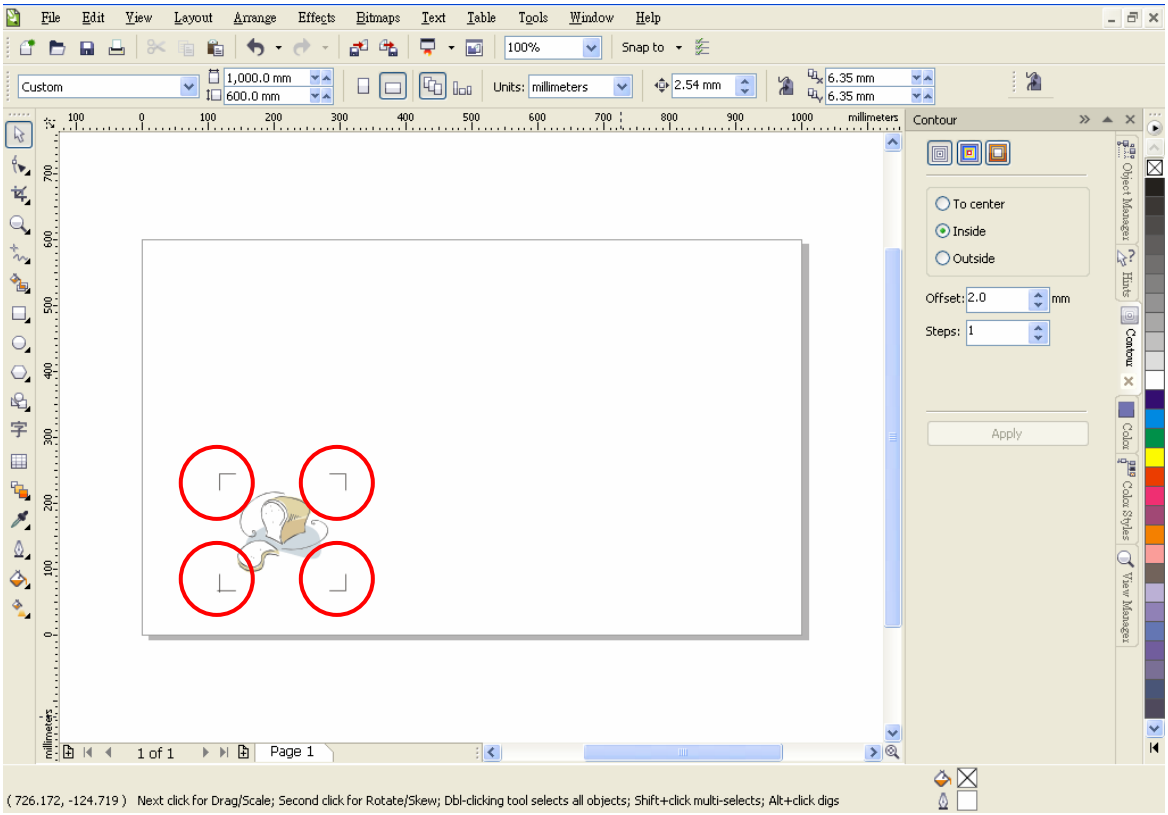
4-Point Positioning



4-Point Positioning

- Length: The length of marks
  - → Range: 5mm~50mm
  - → Optimized Setting: 25mm
- Thickness: The line thickness of marks
  - → Range: 1mm~2mm
  - → Optimized Setting: 1mm
- Margin: The distance between marks and images
  - → Range: 0mm~50mm
  - → Optimized Setting: 5mm

The system will create the 4 marks as shown in the picture below.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Outside
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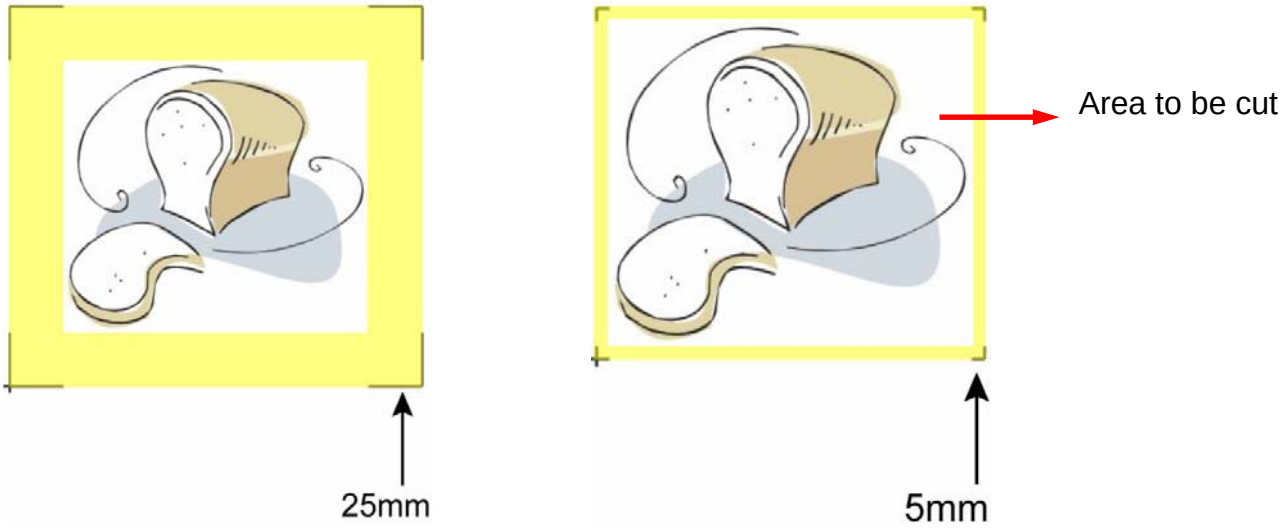
Note:

1. To save your materials, in addition to amending object margins, you can also adjust the length of the registration marks (5mm minimum) when you apply 4-Point Positioning (see table 1 for suggestions based on different material sizes). The smaller the size is, the smaller the distance between the object and the registration marks is (see the figures below).



Page size (unit: inch)	Suggested mark length (unit: mm)
A6 (4.13 × 5.83)	5
A5 (5.83 × 8.27)	8
A4 (8.27 × 11.69)	11
A3 (11.69 × 16.54)	16
A2 (16.54 × 23.39)	23
A1 (23.39 × 33.11) and above	25*

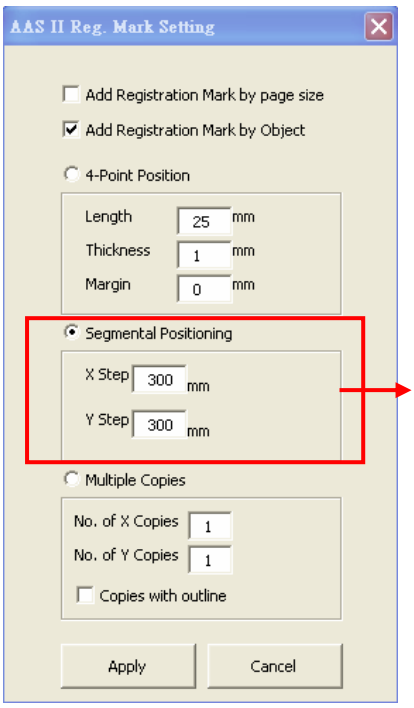
Table 1

*25mm is the suggested value for the registration mark length

2. The size of the registration marks would affect the accuracy of registration mark detection so please make sure the amount you enter is reasonable.

3. If you change the paper size, you will have to reset the registration marks otherwise the previous setting will be applied.

Segmental Positioning

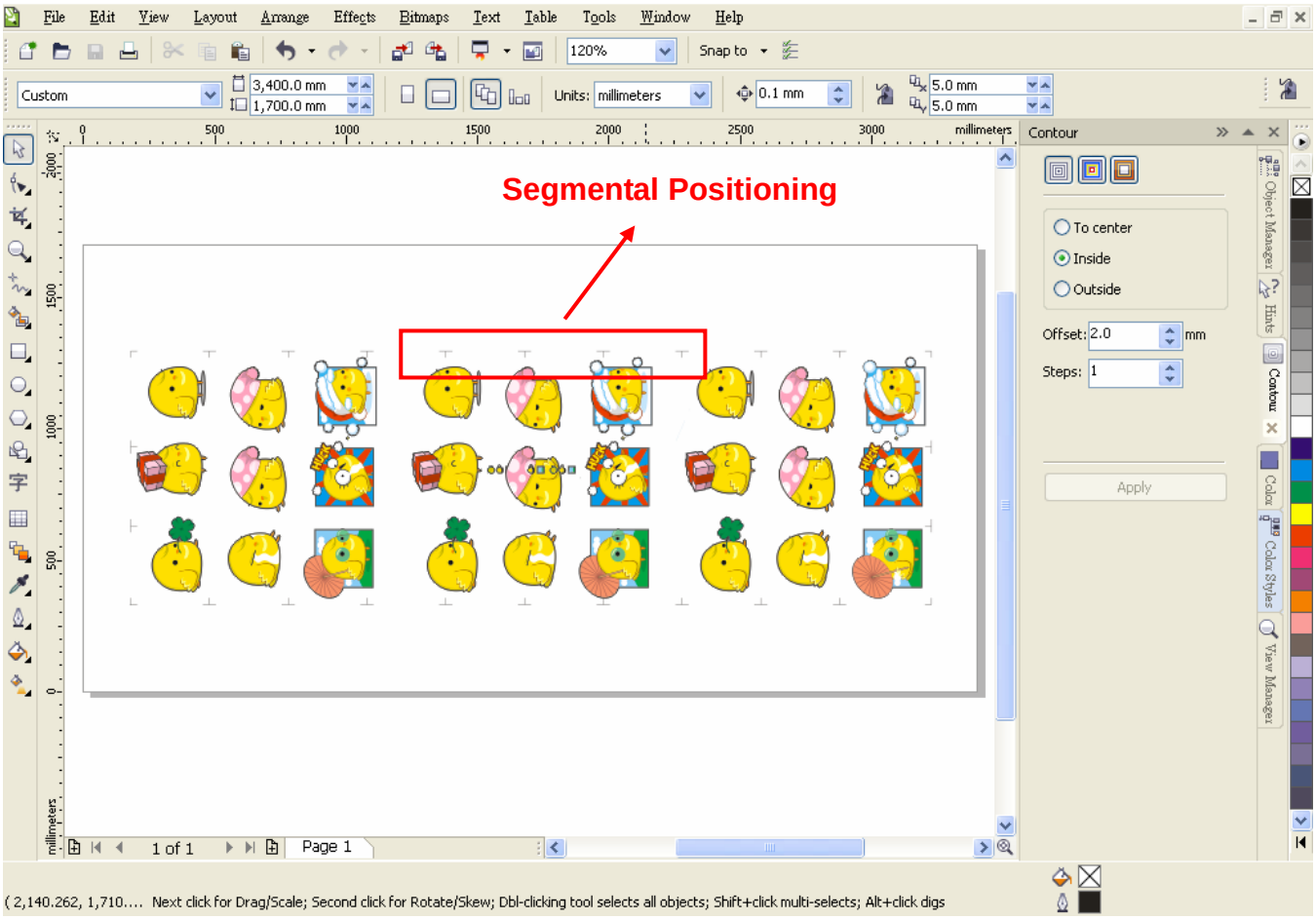


For precise cutting quality, it is suggested to select “Segmental Positioning” when you are working on an extra long or large-sized image to increase cutting accuracy.

Segmental Positioning

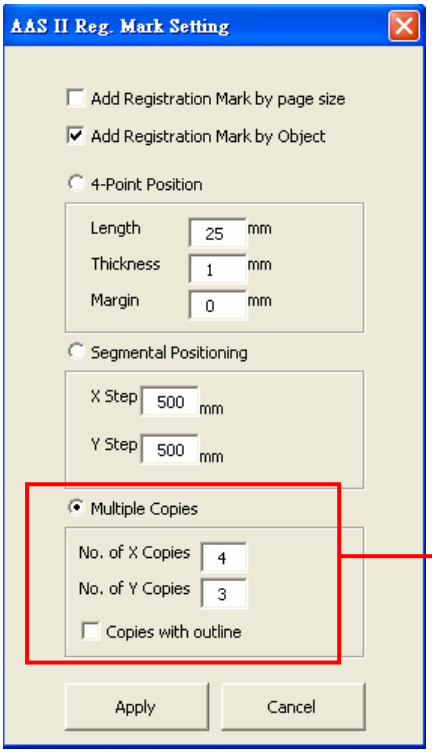
- X Step: The distance of intermediate position on the X axis
- Y Step: The distance of intermediate position on the Y axis
  → Range: 200mm~600mm
  → Optimized Setting: Less than 500mm

The system will create the as shown in the picture below



Multiple Copies

It is suggested to select “Multiple Copies” when you would like to make several copies of one image on your material to increase cutting accuracy.



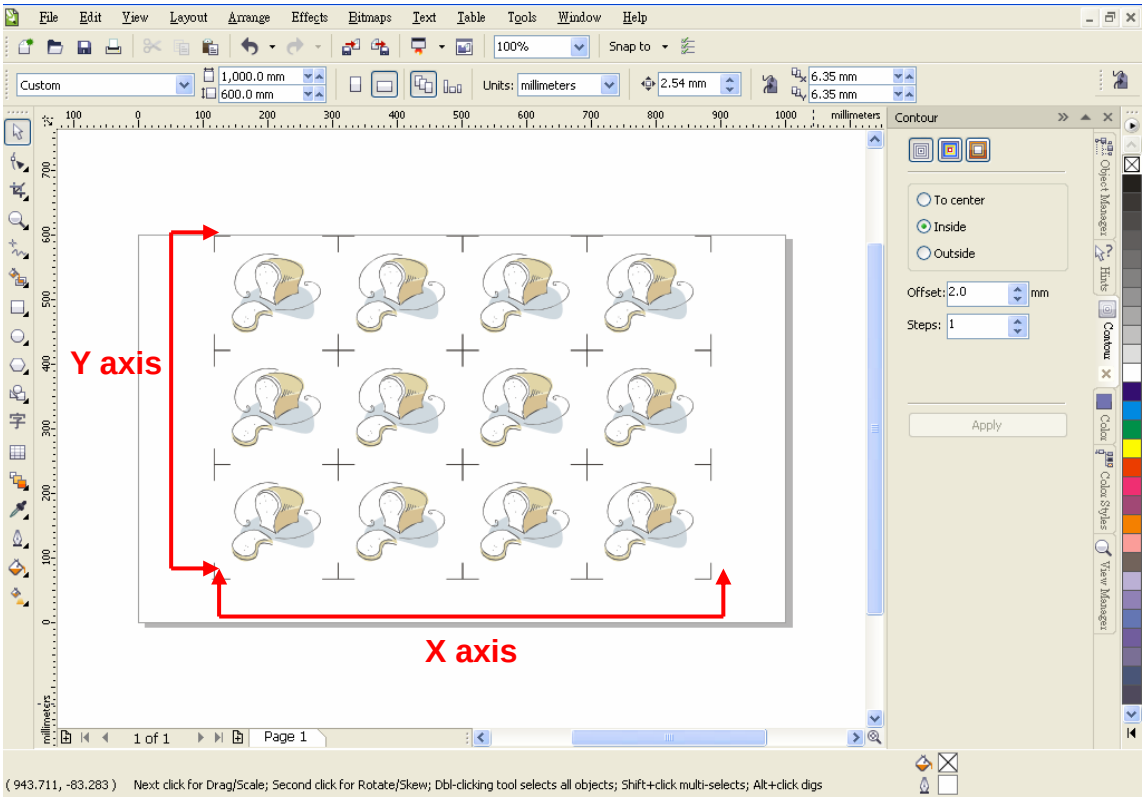
Multiple Copies

- No. of X Copies: The numbers of copies on X axis
- No. of Y Copies: The numbers of copies on Y axis

  → Range: 1~50. (The more copies you make, the more time is needed for data transmission.)

  → Numbers of X Copies * Numbers of Y Copies = The total amount of image copies
- Copies with outline：To show outlines of image graphics

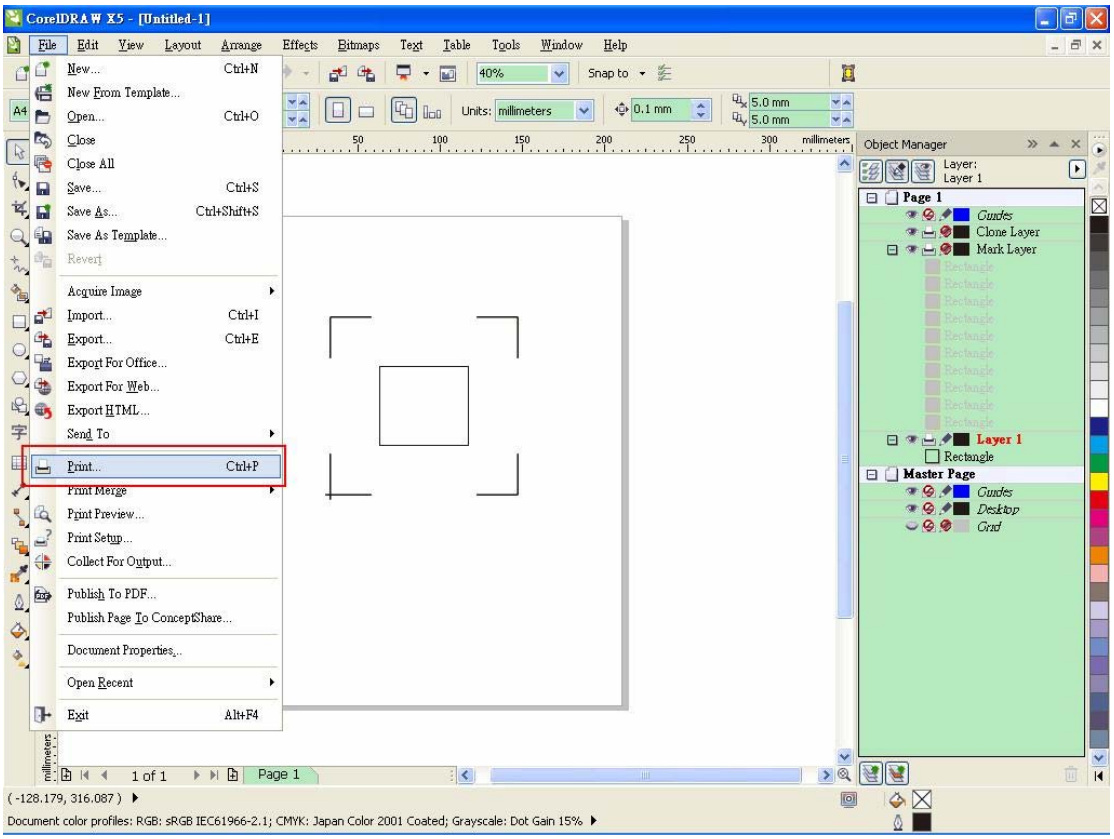
The system will create the as shown in the picture below.



Contour cutting through CorelDraw

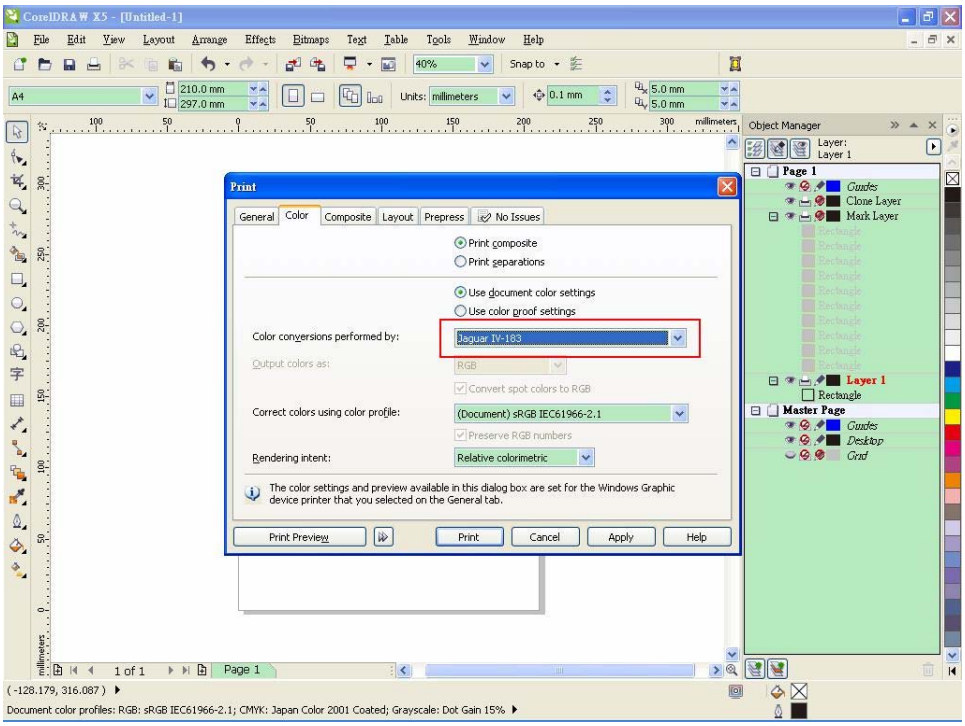
Step 1: Position the paper with registration marks printed by your printer on the GCC cutter.

Step 2: Select “Files→Print”.

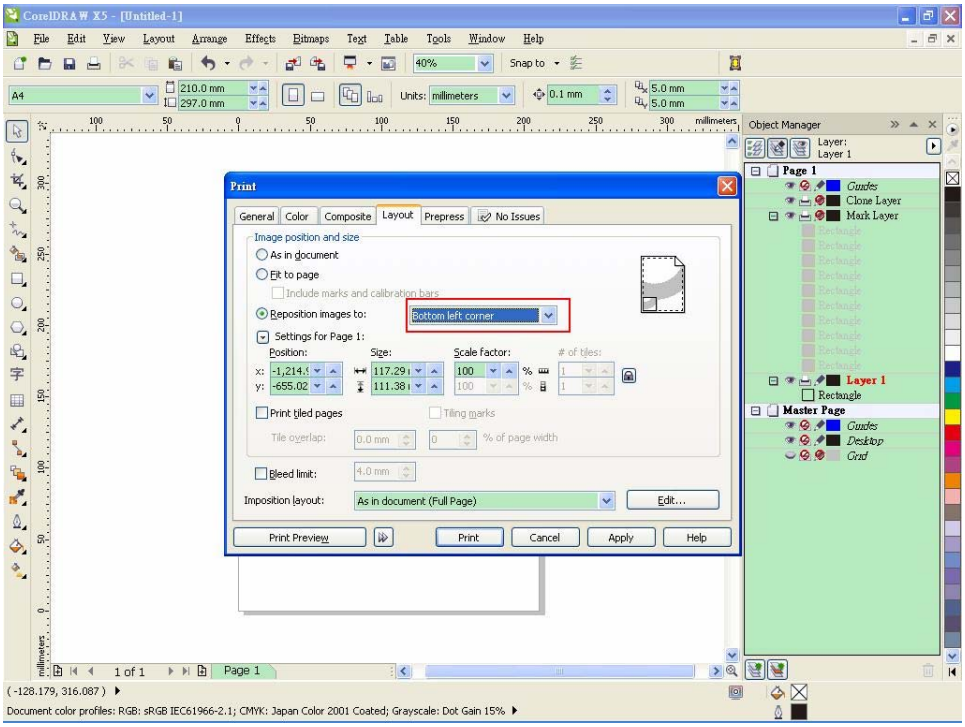


Please note that if you use CorelDraw X5, you must follow the steps below.

Click the “color” page and go to the “Color conversions performed by:” and then select the model name of you cutter.



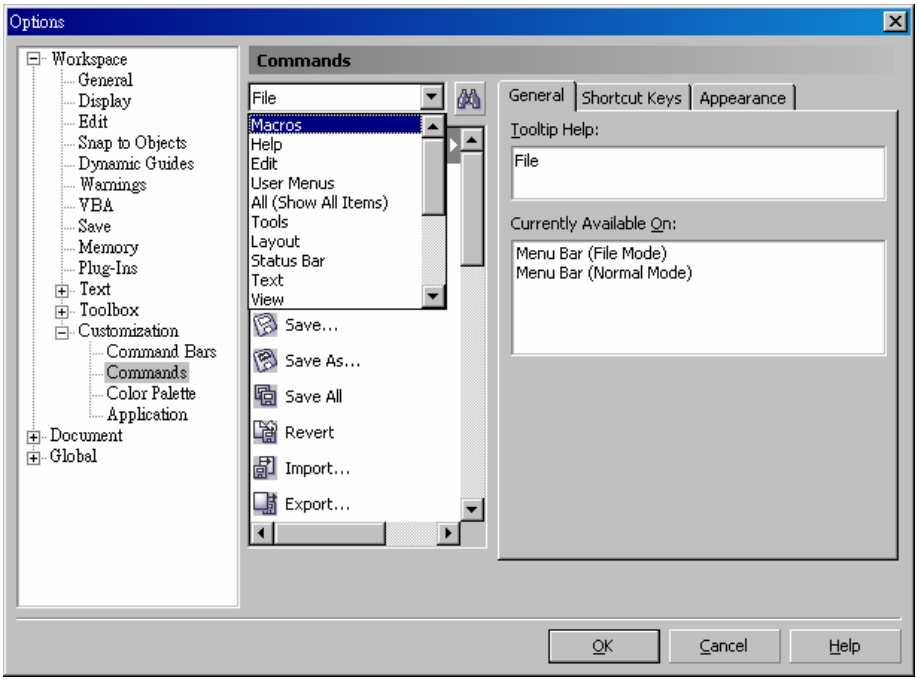
Step 2: Go to the “Layout” page and select Bottom left corner at “Reposition images to”.



Step 3: Click “Print”.

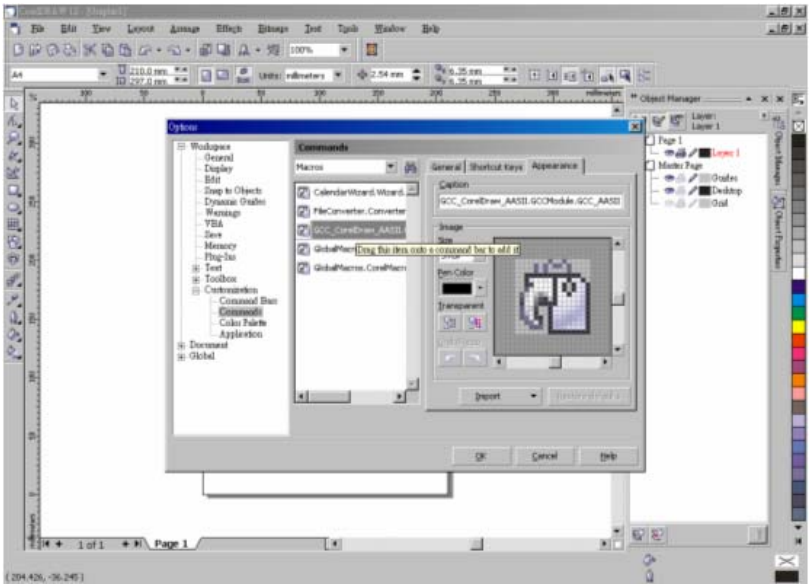
You can also add a Hot Icon for the AAS II Plug-in

Step 1: Select “Tools→Customization→Commands→Macros”.



Step 2: Choose【GCC_CorelDraw_AASII.GCCModule.GCC_AASII】and drag it to the "commands" bar.

Step 3: If you want to have a different icon, select "Tools→Customization→Commands→ Appearance" to import a graphics for use as the icon. Choose an icon and press OK to complete this setting.



SignPal 8.5 Instruction

The new SignPal 8.5 Software is Windows System compatible and the SignPal Expert above versions support the AAS II contour cutting function of Jaguar IV and Puma III cutting plotters.

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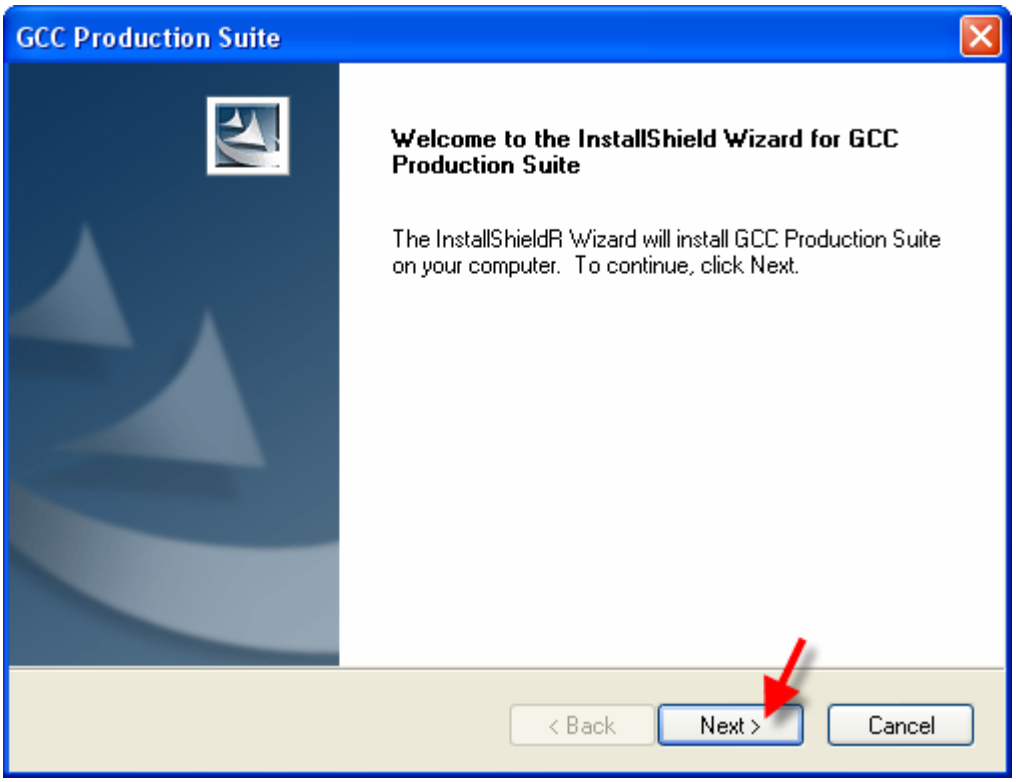
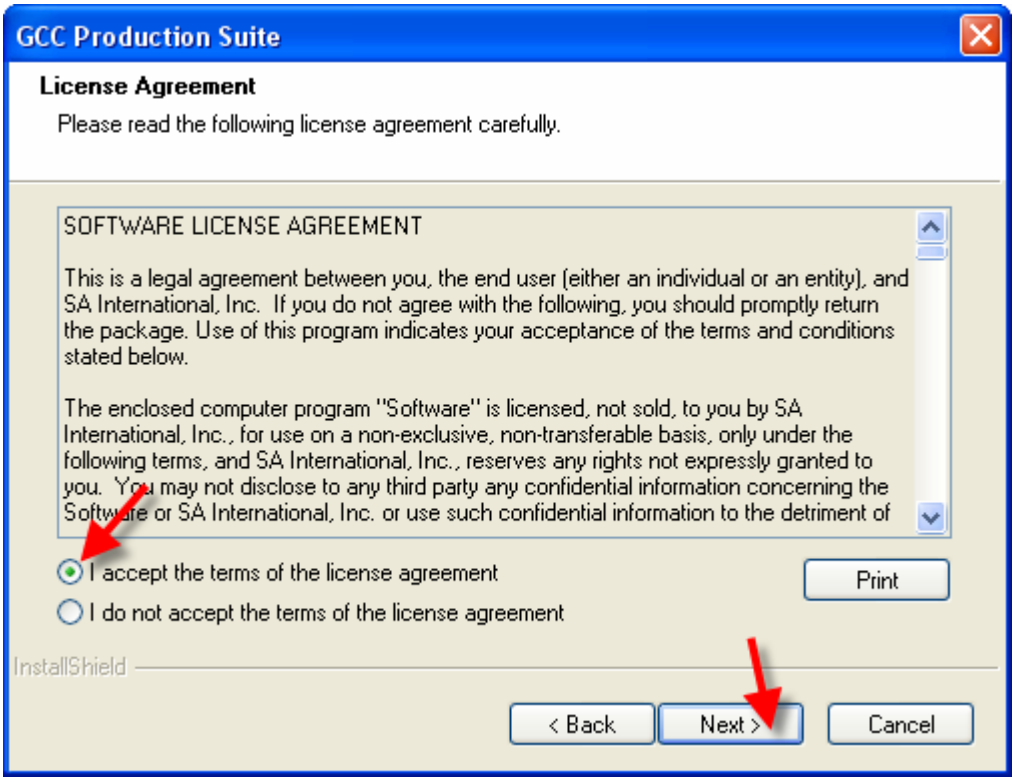
[1] Installing the SignPal 8.5 software

To install the software, you must have Administrator privileges. To use the software, you must have Administrator or Power User privileges. See your Windows user guide for more information.

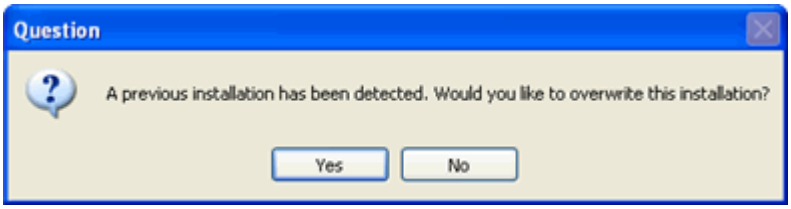
1. Uninstall any previous version of the software.
2. Insert the Installation DVD.
3. Select a language and click **OK**.
4. Click **Next**.


GCC Production Suite
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for GCC Production Suite
The InstallShieldR Wizard will install GCC Production Suite on your computer. To continue, click Next.
< Back
Next >
Cancel

5. Read the Software License Agreement and select **I accept the terms of the license agreement** and click **Next** to accept.

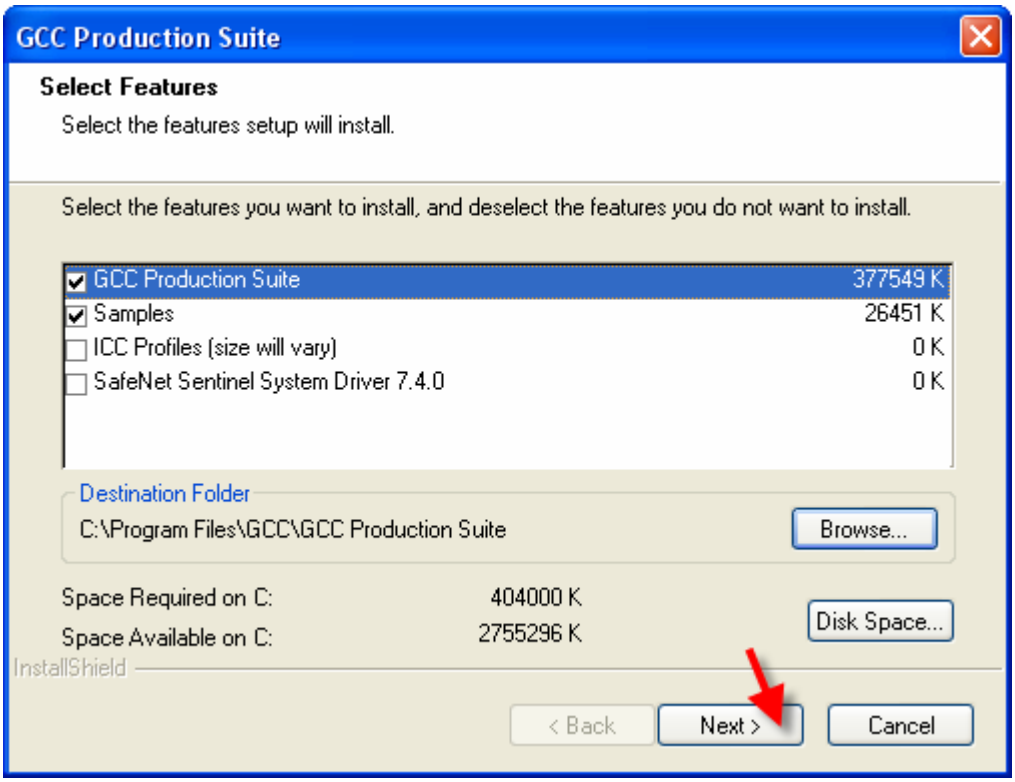

GCC Production Suite
License Agreement
Please read the following license agreement carefully.
SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT
This is a legal agreement between you, the end user (either an individual or an entity), and SA International, Inc. If you do not agree with the following, you should promptly return the package. Use of this program indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions stated below.
The enclosed computer program "Software" is licensed, not sold, to you by SA International, Inc., for use on a non-exclusive, non-transferable basis, only under the following terms, and SA International, Inc., reserves any rights not expressly granted to you. You may not disclose to any third party any confidential information concerning the Software or SA International, Inc. or use such confidential information to the detriment of
I accept the terms of the license agreement
I do not accept the terms of the license agreement
Print
InstallShield
< Back
Next >
Cancel

6. If you did not have any previous versions of the software installed, skip to the next step. If you still have a previous version of the software installed, you will be prompted to overwrite the existing installation. Click **Yes** to overwrite any previous installation of the software.



7. Select the features of the software that you want to install and click **Next**:

- Check **GCC Production Suite** to install the software.
- Check **Samples** to install sample files.
- Check **SafeNet Sentinel System Driver** to install the software driver for this key. If you do not use this type of key, you do not need to install this driver.


GCC Production Suite
Select Features
Select the features setup will install.
Select the features you want to install, and deselect the features you do not want to install.
GCC Production Suite 377549 K
Samples 26451 K
ICC Profiles (size will vary) 0 K
SafeNet Sentinel System Driver 7.4.0 0 K
Destination Folder
C:\Program Files\GCC\GCC Production Suite
Browse...
Space Required on C: 404000 K
Space Available on C: 2755296 K
Disk Space...
InstallShield
< Back
Next >
Cancel

A. To change the default destination folder, click **Browse** and choose a new destination folder.

B. To check that the drive you are installing to has enough space for the installation:

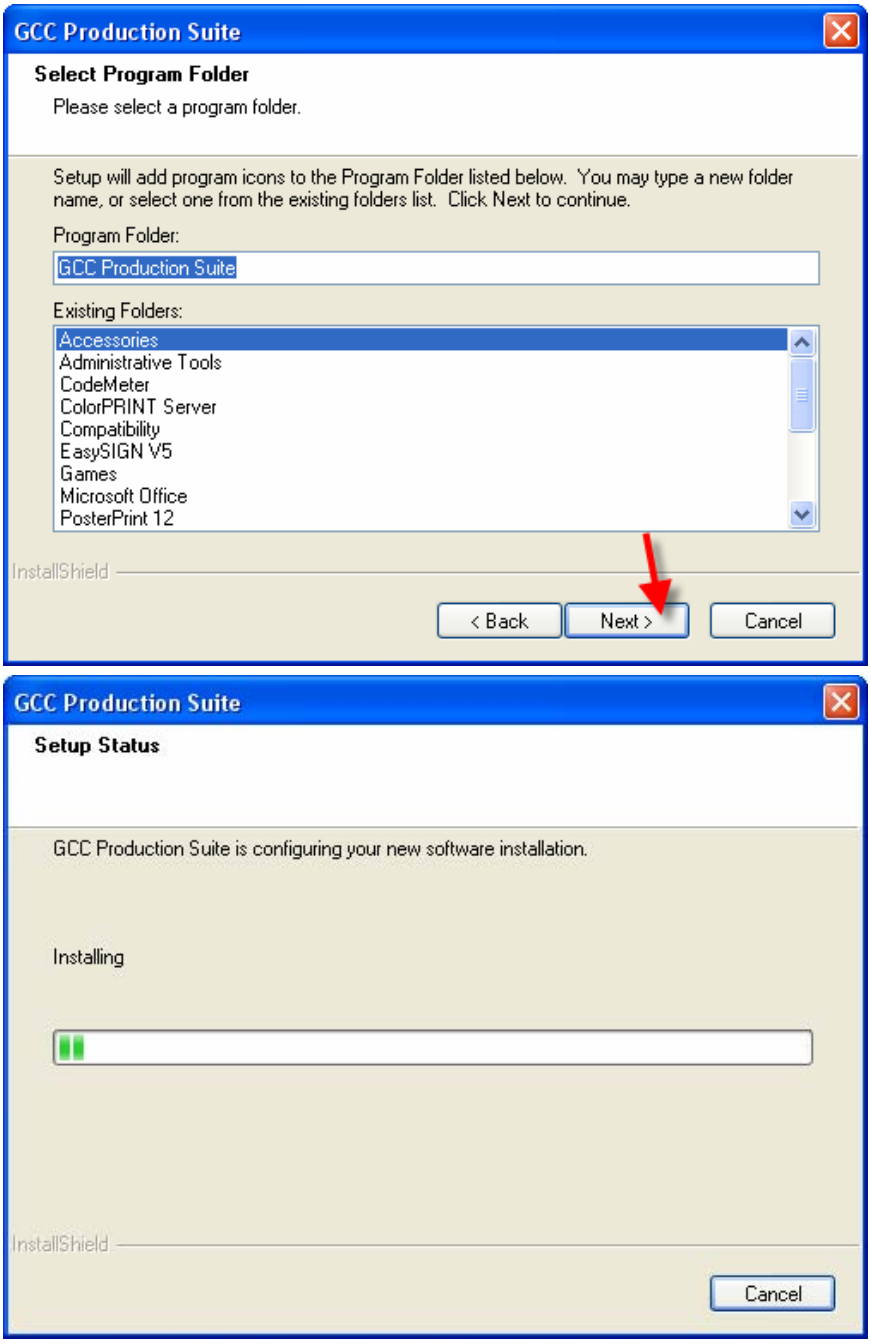
   a. Click **Disk Space**.

   b. From the drop-down menu, select the drive you want to install to, and verify that it has enough space for the installation.

   c. Click **OK**. The installation drive changes to the selected drive when you click **OK**.

8. Select the Program folder where the shortcut for the software will appear. A new folder is automatically created for the product.

9. Click **Next** to install the software.



10. Once the installer is finished installing, the **Install Manager** opens. The Install Manager allows you to run a demo version of any available products, or to enter a password to access the software and any optional features.

11. Do one of the following:

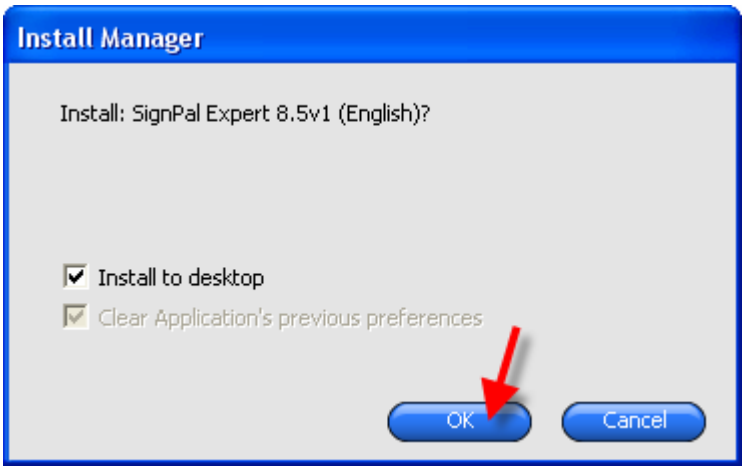
- Check **Run in demo mode** to run a demo version of any available products in any available language.

- Enter a Password, and then select a product from the **Product** list and a language from the **Language** list. Use the **Add** button to enter any additional passwords in the Optional Password section to unlock optional features.

  Password This is your main application password for the software.

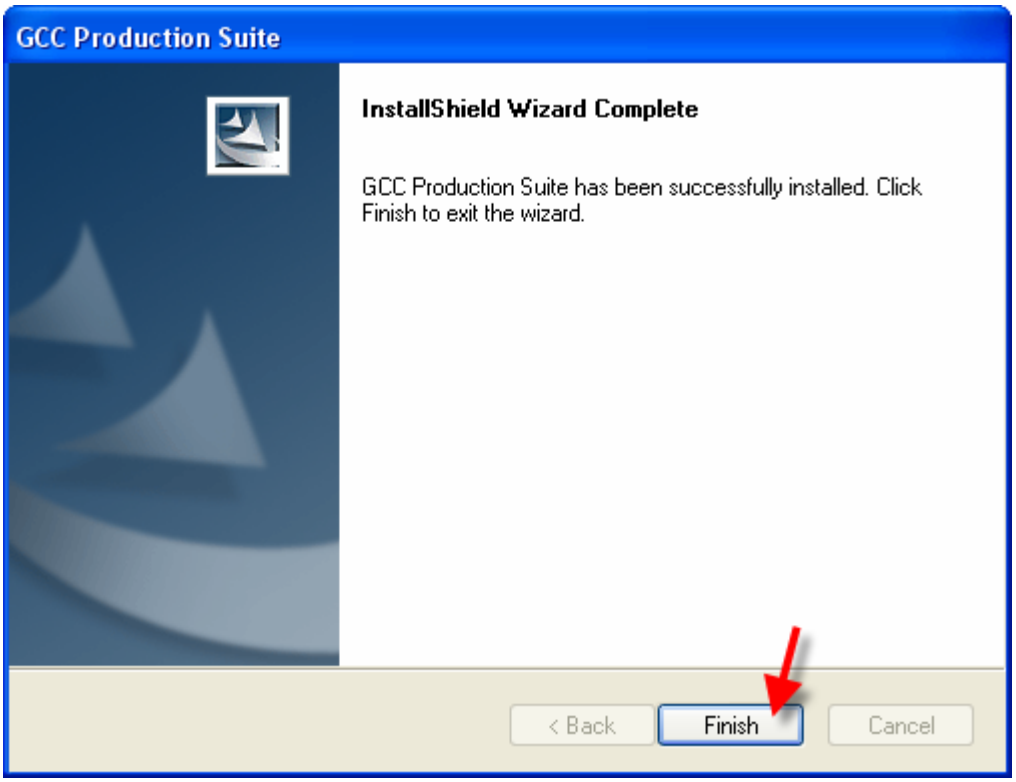
  Optional Password If you purchased additional options, you may enter the option passwords in this field to upgrade your software.

12. Click **Done**.

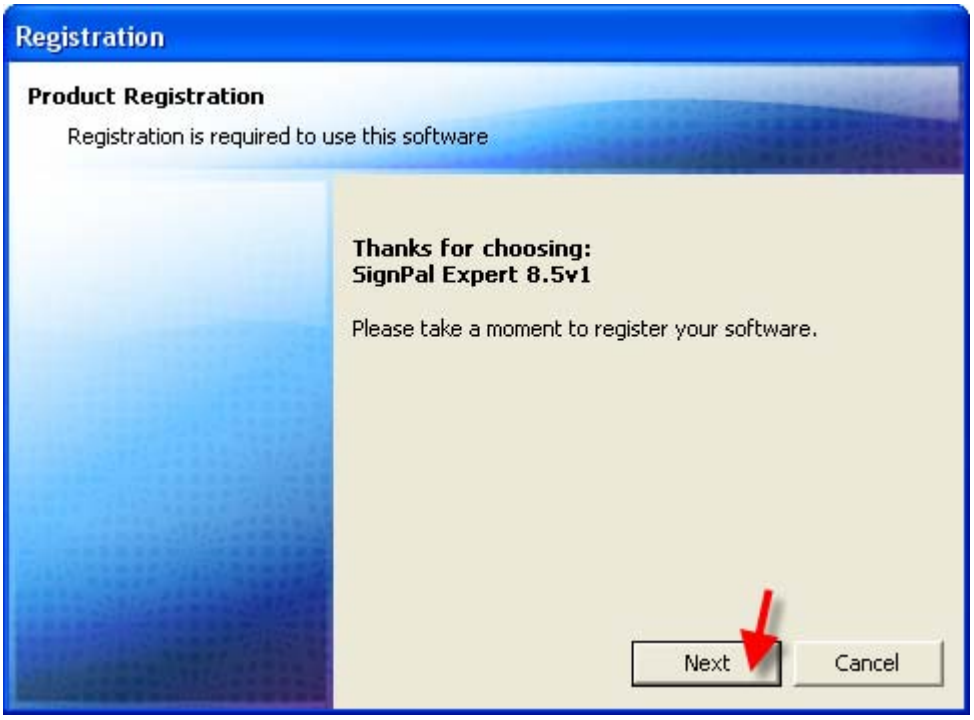


13. Check which icons and preferences you want to install:

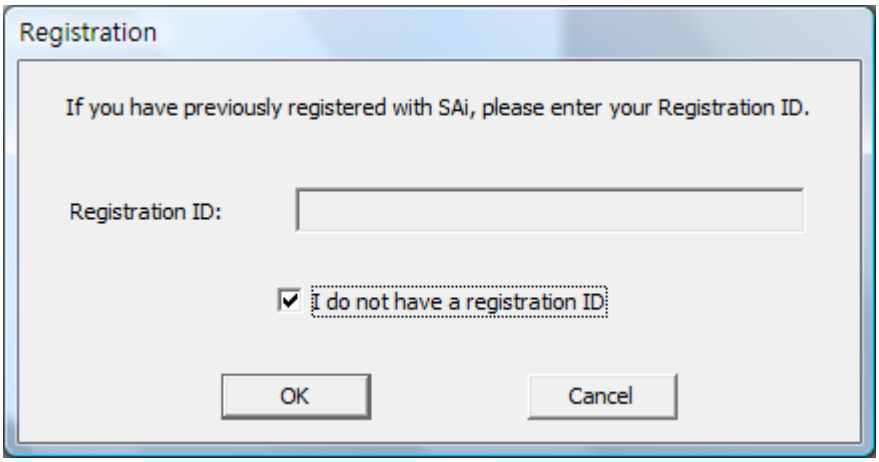
- Check **Install to desktop** to install a shortcut for the software on the desktop.
- Check **Install to startup items** to install a shortcut for the software in the Startup folder of the Start menu. If this is done, each time the computer starts up, the software will automatically start up and minimize itself, displaying an icon in the system tray of the Windows system tray.
- Check **Clear Application's previous preferences** to clear the preferences or clear the check box to retain old preferences.
- Click **OK**.



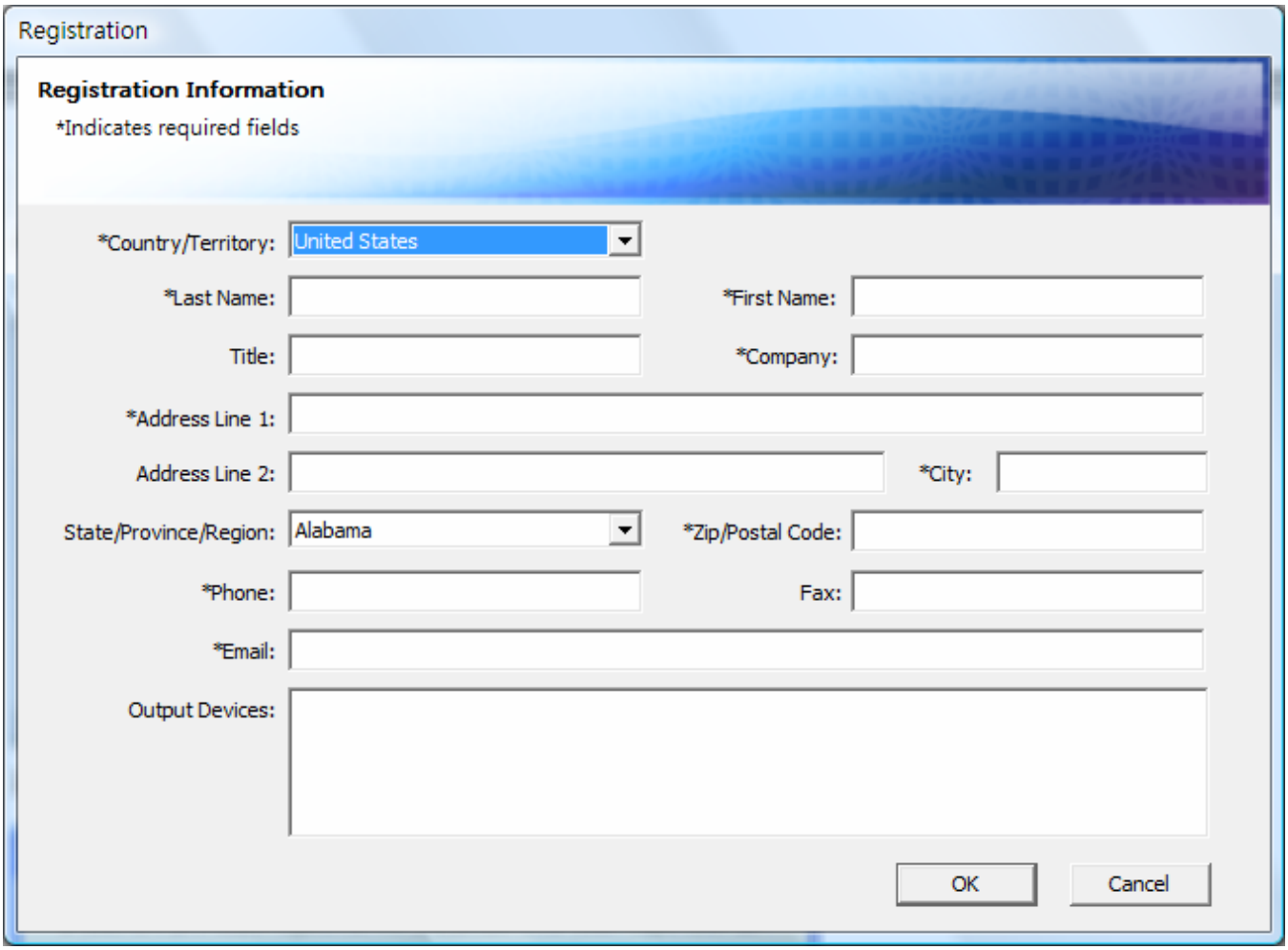
14. Open SignPal 8.5v1



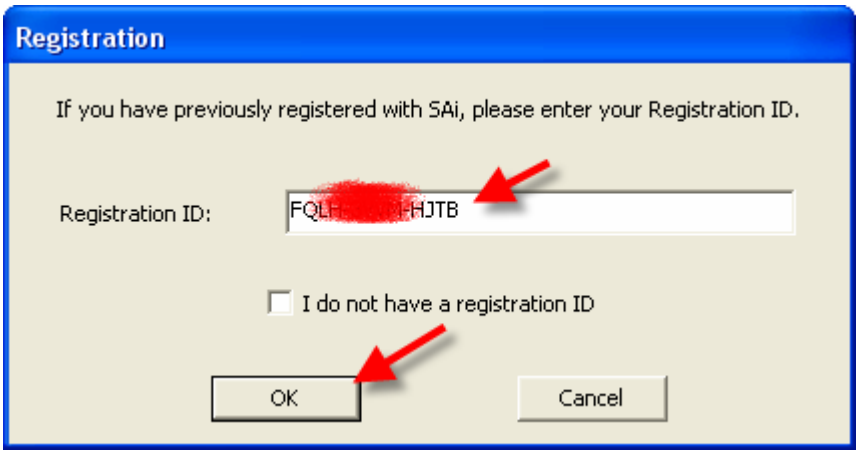
15. As you have not registered before, please check on the box at bottom to register a new account.


Registration
If you have previously registered with SAi, please enter your Registration ID.
Registration ID:
I do not have a registration ID
OK
Cancel

16. Input your personal information to complete the online registration.

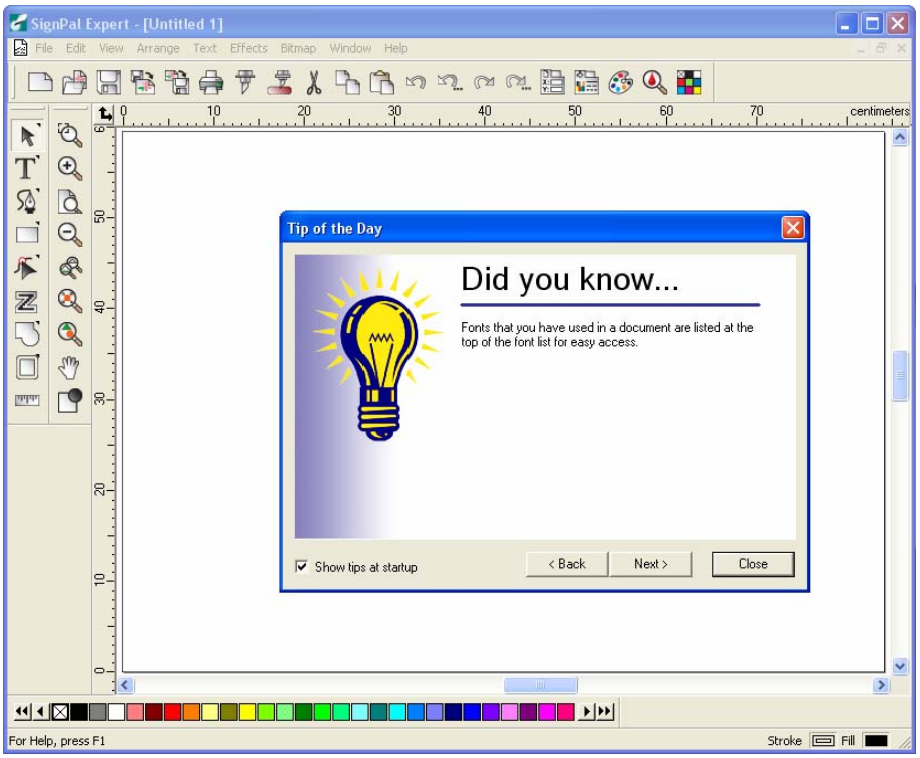


17. If you have registered before, please enter your Registration code as below to open SignPal 8.5v1 software.



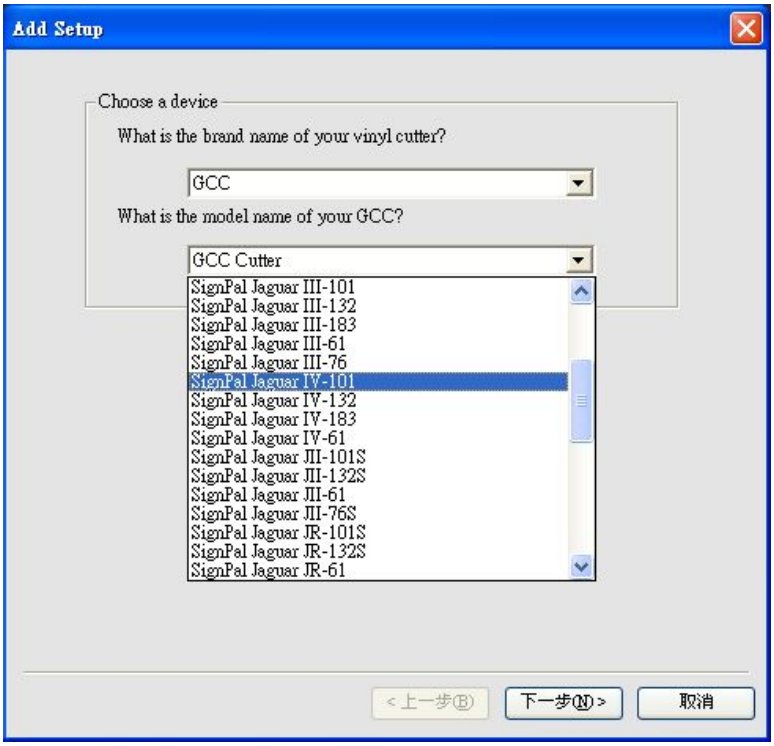
SignPal
Sign Making Software
SignPal

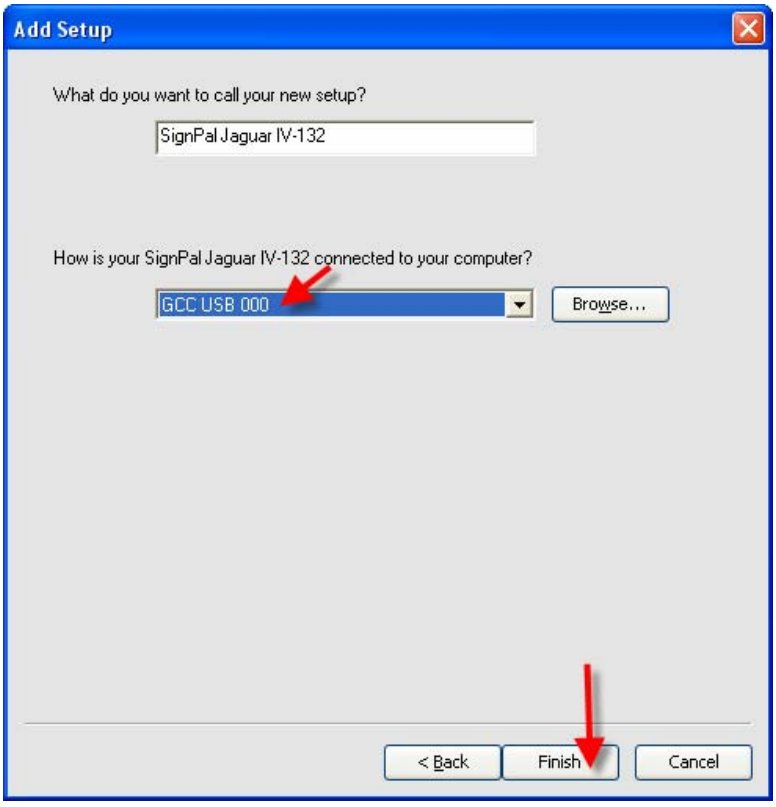
SignPal Expert
SignPal Expert 8.5v1
Runtime hours until password expires: 582.51
Licensed to:
YWHX-JDNM-
-WPCJ-TFV7-KYUP-YRGF
OK

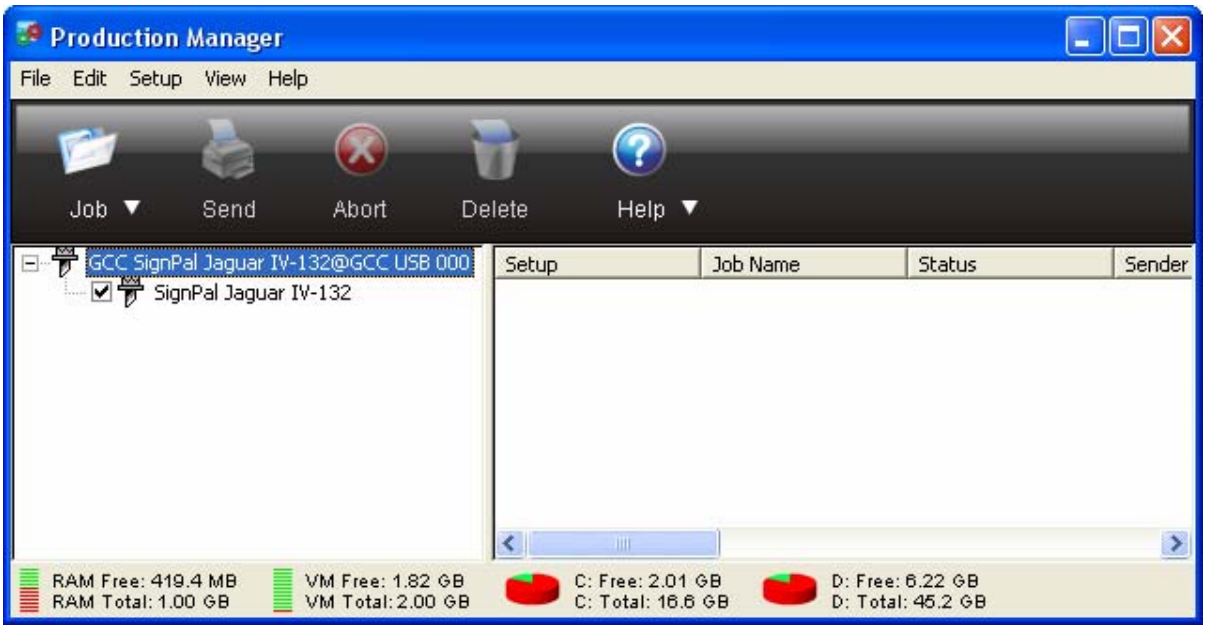

SignPal Expert - [Untitled 1]
File Edit View Arrange Text Effects Bitmap Window Help
centimeters
Tip of the Day
Did you know...
Fonts that you have used in a document are listed at the top of the font list for easy access.
Show tips at startup
< Back
Next >
Close
For Help, press F1
Stroke
Fill

[2] Set up your GCC Cutter on Production Manager

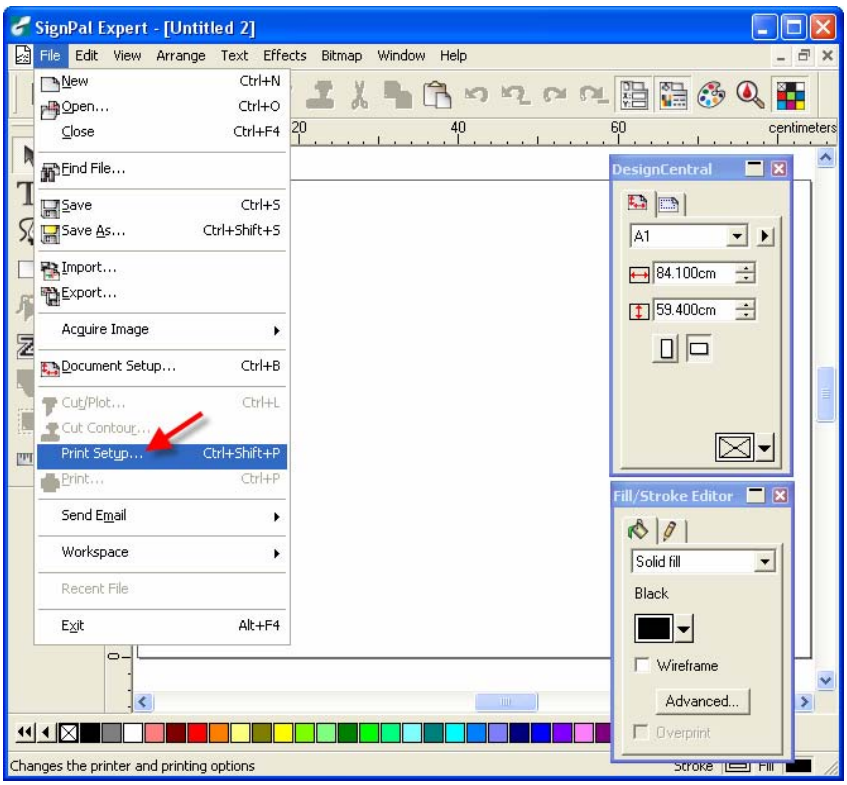
1. Open Production Manager 8.5v1
2. Choose and set up your GCC cutter.
   (Note that AAS II System only works on Jaguar IV and Puma III.)



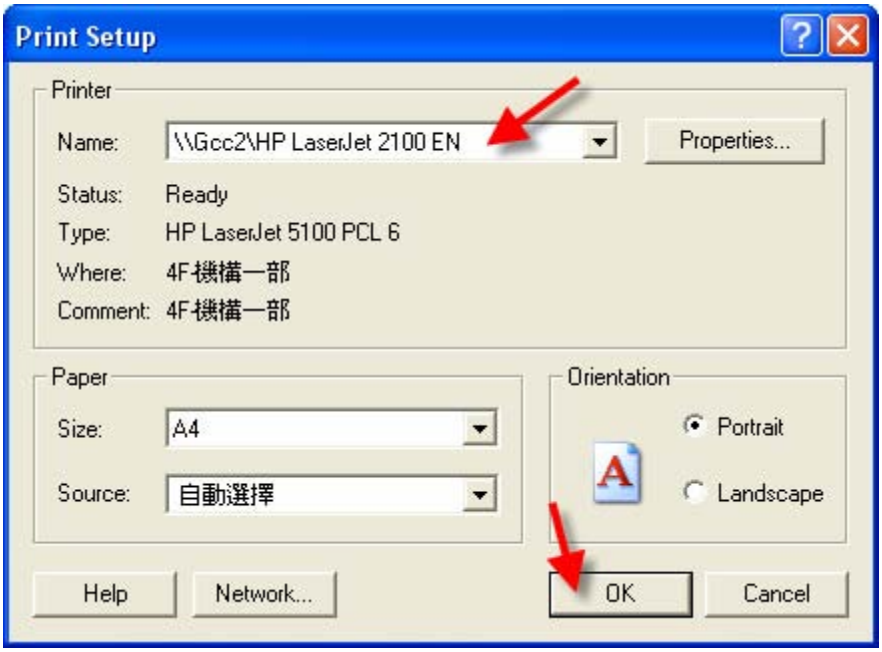


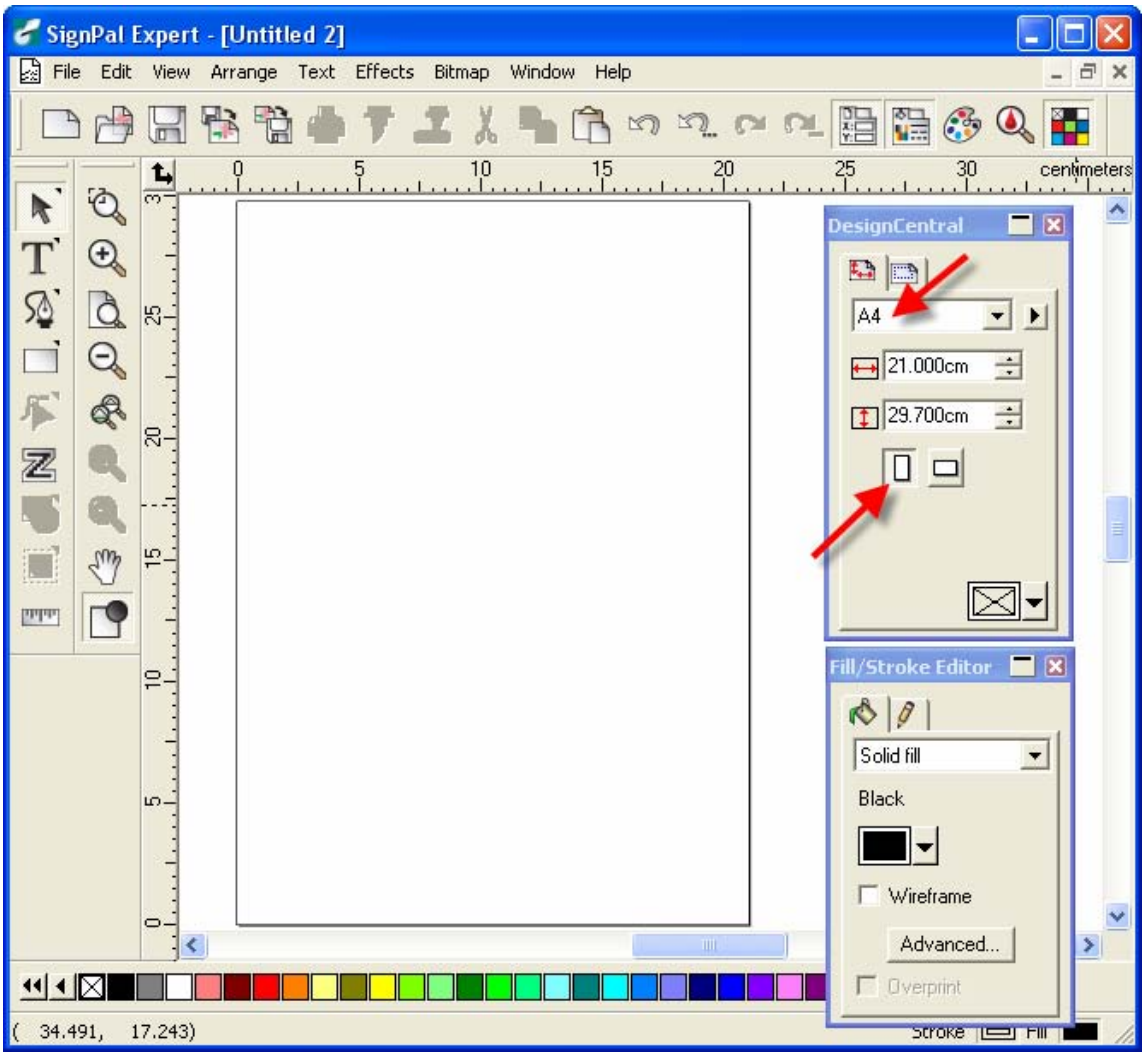


3. Select **File > Print Setup** in SignPal Software.



4. Select the printer and paper size.





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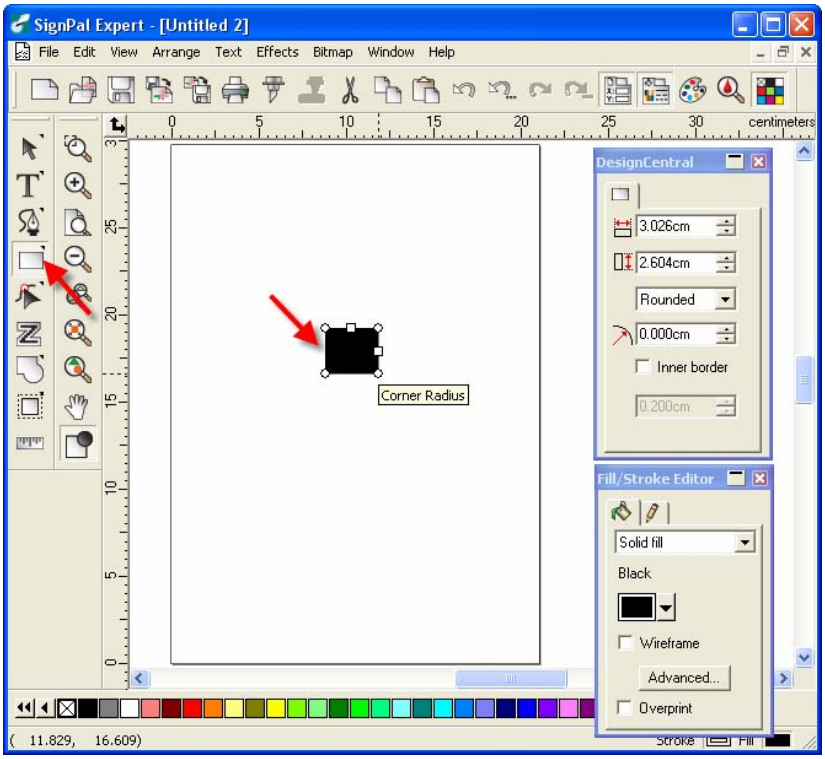
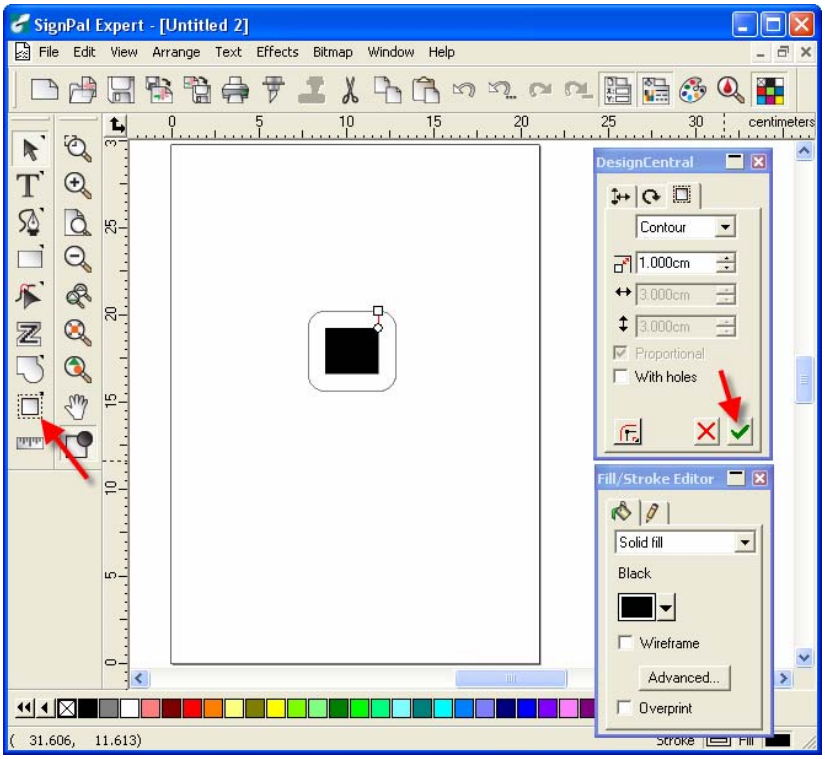
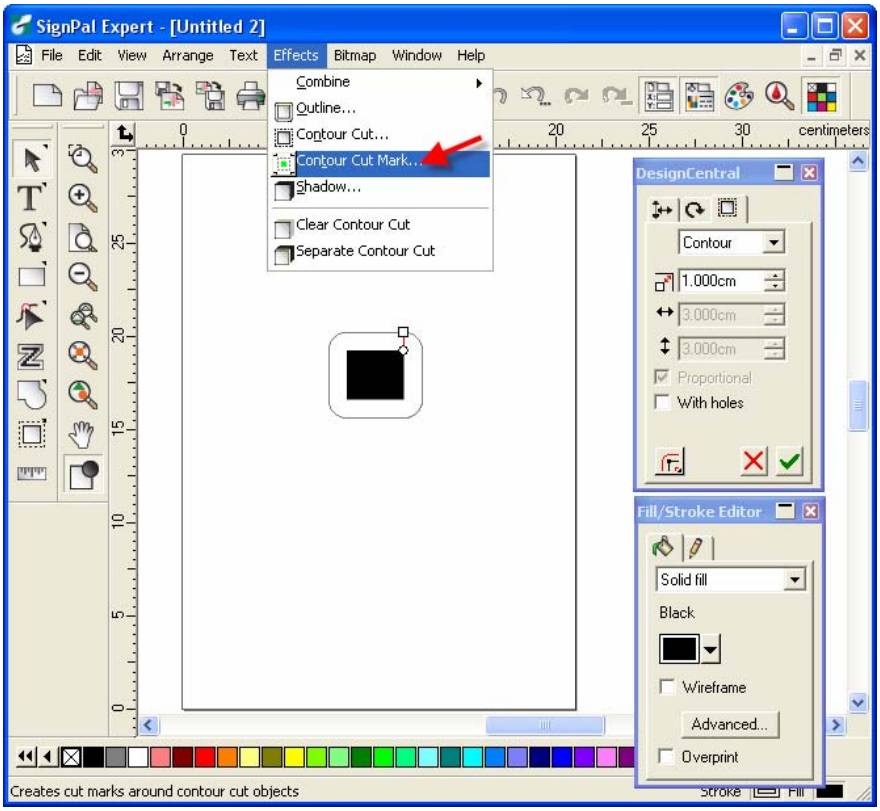
5. Use the **Rectangle Tool** to create a rectangle.



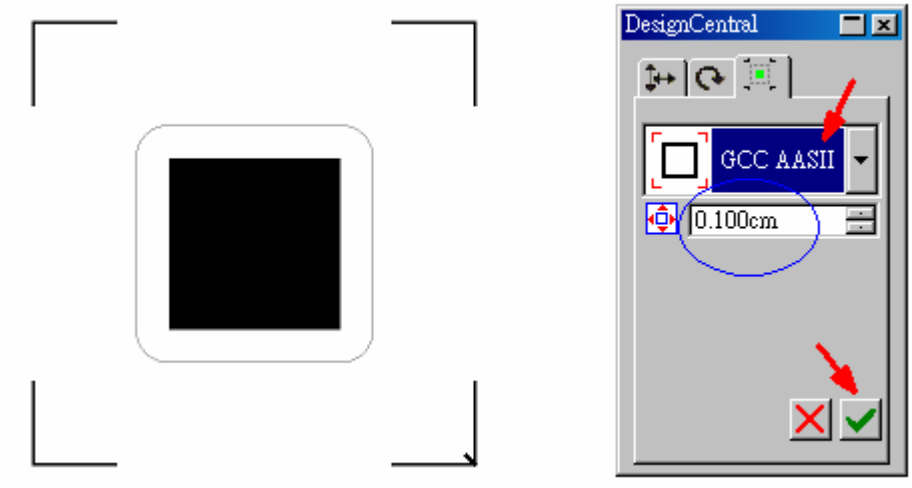
6. Select **Effect > Contour Cut**. Then click 'Apply' in DesignCentral window.



7. Apply the contour cut mark of GCC AASII by selecting **Effect > Contour Cut Mark**.



8. Select "**GCC AASII**" in SignPal DesignCentral window to create the AAS II registration marks (4-Point Positioning). Set the vales as 0.1cm or above and click '**Apply**' in DesignCentral window. The value is to define the distance between registration marks and image area. If the value is less than 0.1cm, it is likely that the image will overlap the marks and result in bad cutting quality.

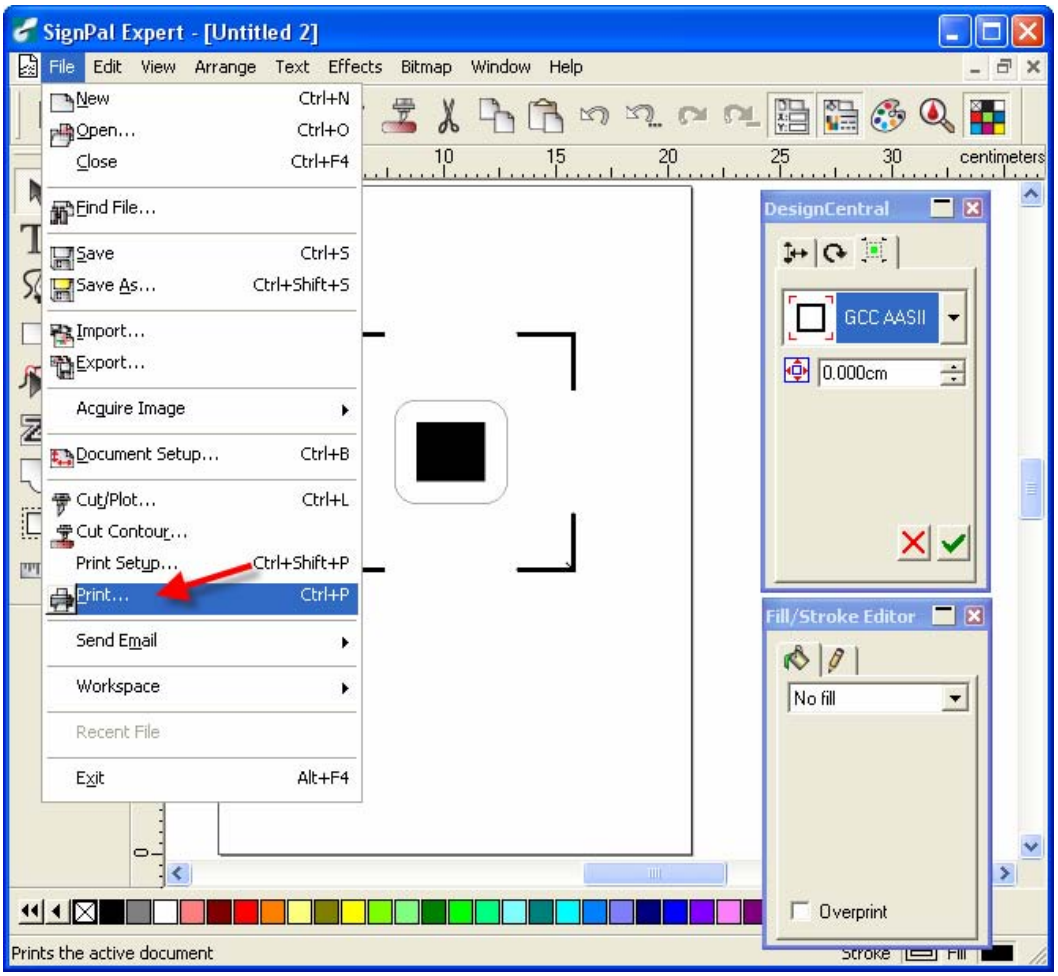


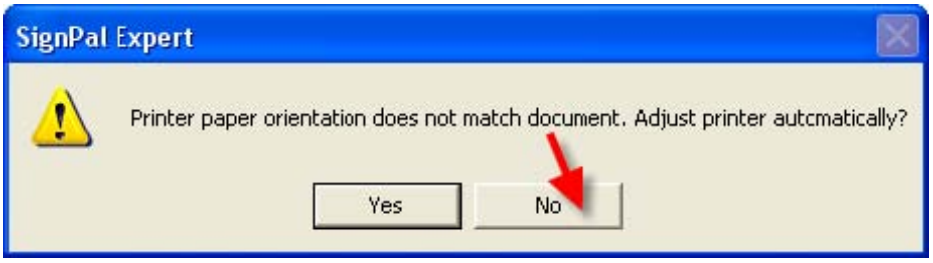
9. There are three types of GCC AASII registration marks: 4-Point Positioning, Segmental Positioning, and Multiple Copies. To make 'Segmental Positioning' marks, please select "**GCC**

Segmentation" in DesignCentral window and then click '**Apply**'.

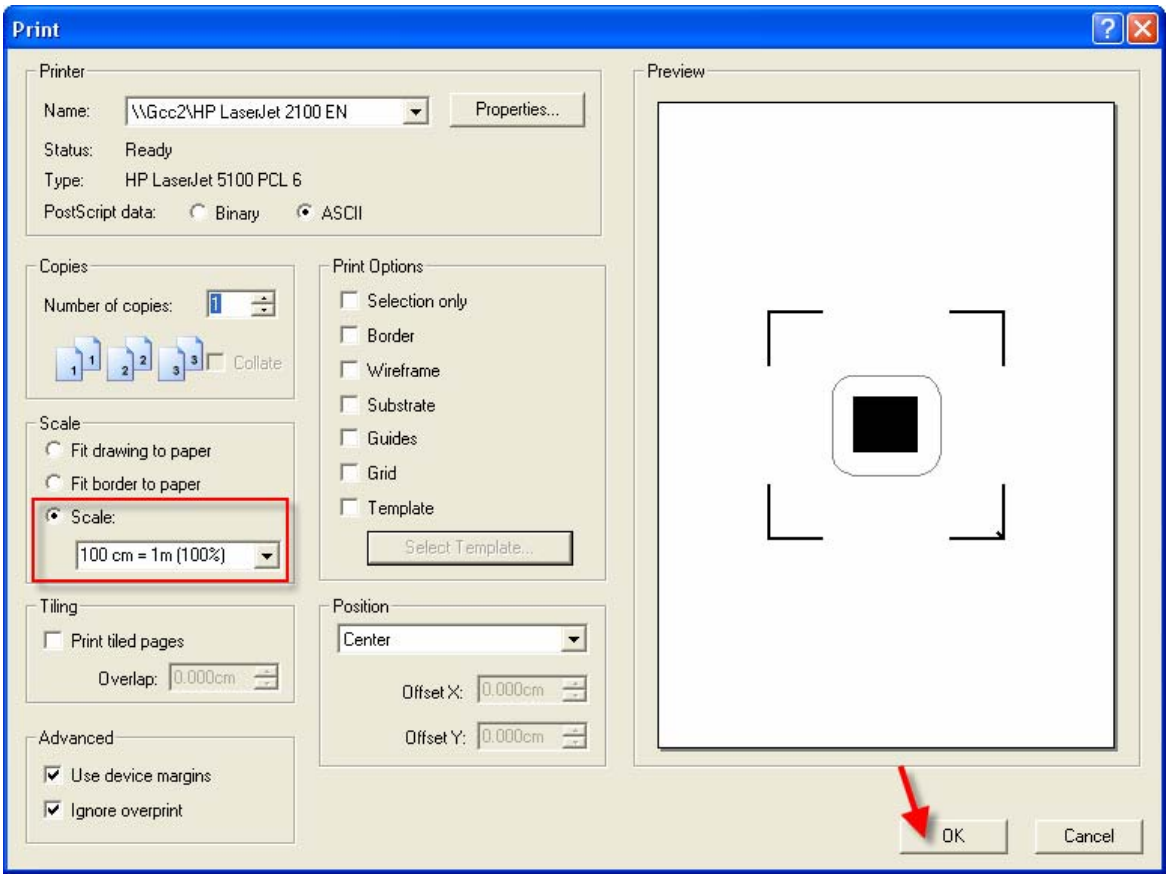
10. For 'Multiple Copies', this function is not available in SignPal. Currently the 'Multiple Copies' function is only available under CorelDraw plug-in.

11. Select **File > Print** to print out the image.

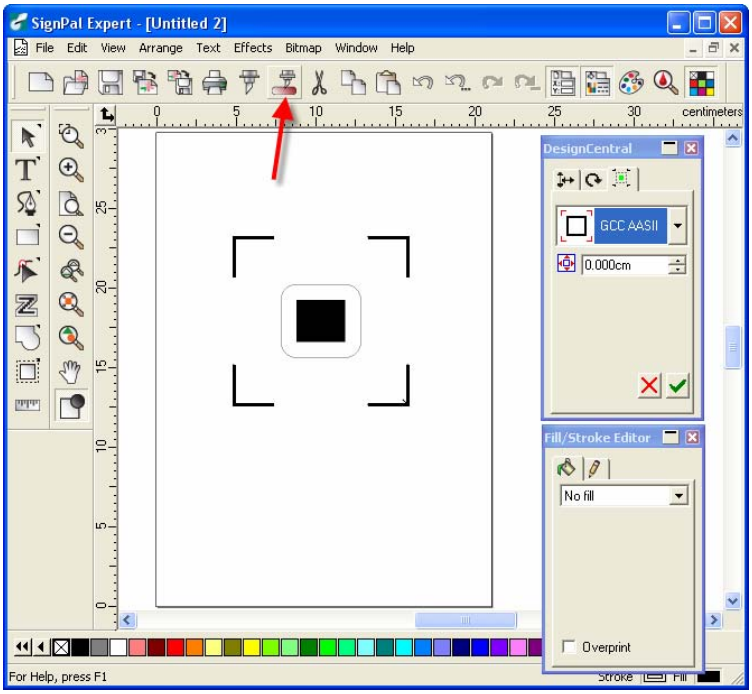


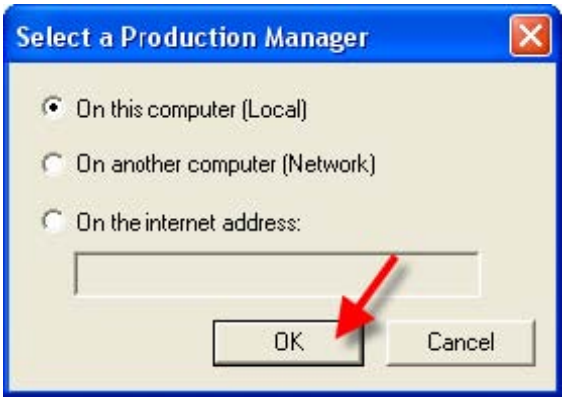


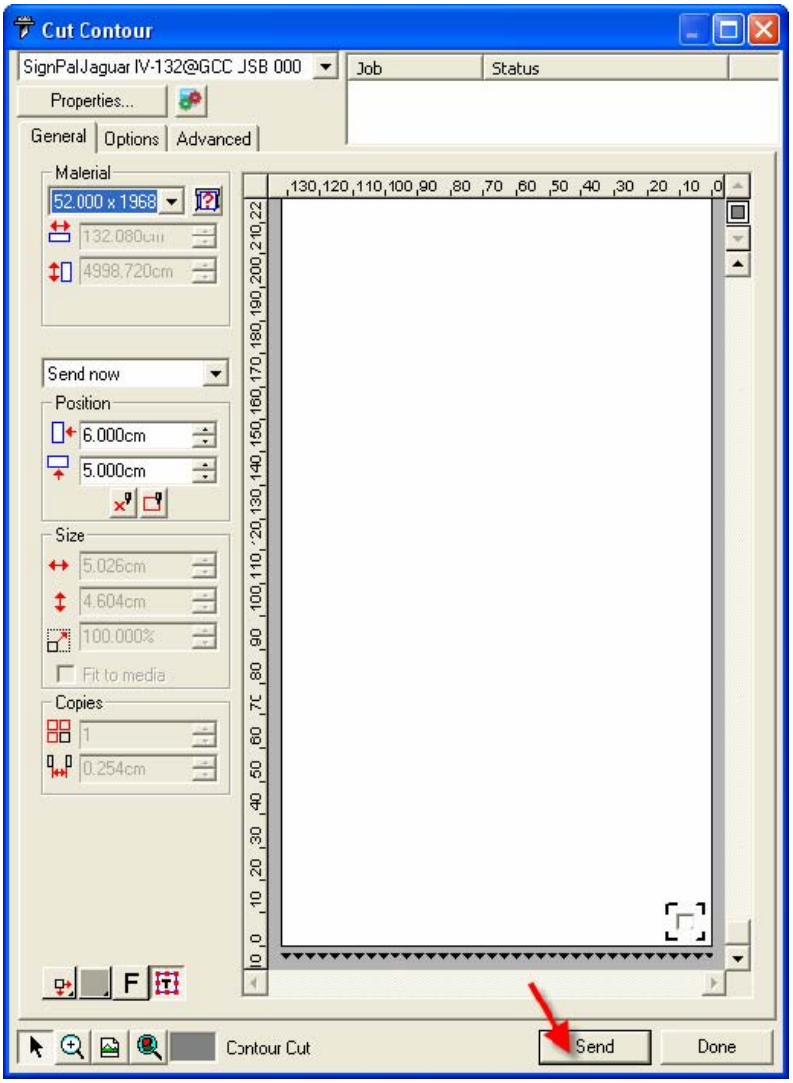
12. Set the Scale as 100cm =1m (100%) in Print page.



13. Load the printout vinyl on the plotter and select **File > Cut Contour** to send data. You can preview the job and change cutter's parameter settings in 'Properties' tab of Cut Contour window. The Production Manager will be automatic activated to complete the job.


SignPal Expert - [Untitled 2]
File Edit View Arrange Text Effects Bitmap Window Help
DesignCentral
GCC AASII
0.000cm
Fill/Stroke Editor
No fill
Overprint
For Help, press F1


Select a Production Manager
On this computer (Local)
On another computer (Network)
On the internet address:
OK
Cancel


Cut Contour
SignPalJaguar IV-132@GCC JSB 000
Job
Status
Properties...
General
Options
Advanced
Malerial
52.000 x 1968
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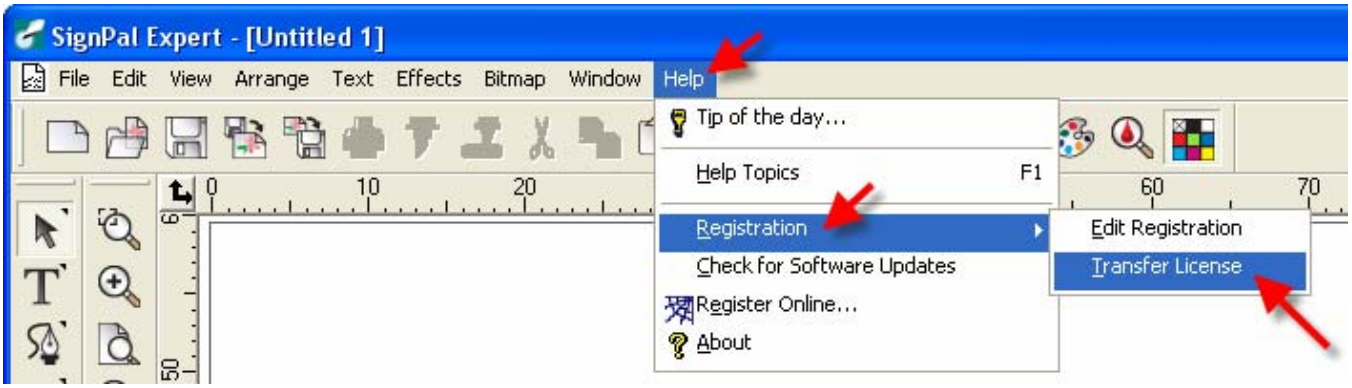
Send now
Position
6.000cm
5.000cm
Size
5.026cm
4.604cm
100.000%
Fit to media
Copies
1
0.254cm
Contour Cut
Send
Done

[3] Transferring a Software License Using Softkey

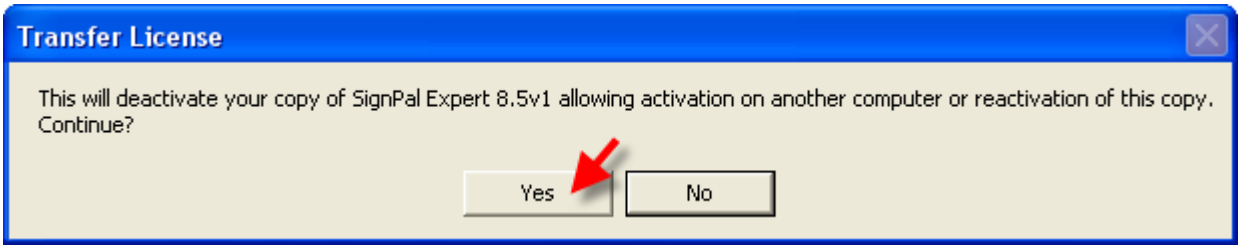
Softkey allows you to transfer the software license to another computer by disabling the software license on one computer, and enabling it on another.

> **Remarks**: If you would like to upgrade or reinstall the Windows OS, please transfer your license before reinstallation. If your hard drive has been formatted and you forget to transfer license in advance, please provide your SignPal ID and password to your local distributor, they will contact GCC to reset your data, and you will be able to register again afterward.

1. From the **Help** menu, mouse over **Registration** and select **Transfer License**.



2. Click **Yes** to deactivate the software license on the computer currently running the software. You can reactivate the license on another computer or the same computer.


Transfer License
This will deactivate your copy of SignPal Expert 8.5v1 allowing activation on another computer or reactivation of this copy. Continue?
Yes
No

3. Make note of your Registration ID and click **OK**.

Transfer License
Your license is ready to be installed on another computer.
Please write down your registration number: FQL[redacted]-HJTB.
You can use this code to skip the registration step when re-activating or re-installing the software.
OK

4. Install the software on the computer you wish to transfer the license to.

SignPal 8.5 Feature Lists

	Pro	Master	Expert	Apprentice	Function
Working with Files					
Job Info	●	●	●		Your program allows you to store information about the job with each file you create. You can add or change information about a job at any point in the design and production process. This information becomes part of the file and is saved when the file is saved.
Templates	●				Templates allow you to create multiple copies of your document using a pre-defined layout. Additionally, you can create documents, such as invoices, based on Job Information.
Using DesignEditor					
DesignEditor	●	●			DesignEditor helps you manage the various layers and objects in your design. You can choose to display some layers and hide others, delete or add layers and do similar functions with individual objects.
Arranging Objects					
Distribute	●				Distributing allows you to evenly distribute a number of objects throughout an area.
Working with Color					
Eyedropper	●				The Eyedropper tool sets the fill options of the selected objects to match the color, pattern or gradient fill of whatever it clicks on. If you click on a bitmap, the eyedropper will return a solid color that matches the pixel you clicked on.
Using Fill/Stroke Editor					
Overprint	●	●	●	●	The Overprint setting is used to identify areas of your design that are covered by multiple layers of ink or vinyl. These areas may require special treatment in order to be output successfully. For example, in some output devices, a higher heat setting must be used when multiple layers are present. This may require that those objects

					be output using a separate printing pass.
Working with Shapes					
Fan	●				For Fan shape, you can adjust the Outer radius, Thickness, Rotation angle and the Sweep angle.
Arrow	●				For Arrows, you can adjust the Arrow Length, Angle, Tail Length and Width, Cap Length and Wing angle.
Working with Text					
Text Block Size	●				Adjusting Text Block Size 1 Select the text. 2 From the Text menu, select Text Spacing. 3 Enter the desired text Width and Height. • When Adjust word spacing only is checked, only the spaces between words are increased or decreased. If there are no spaces in the text, the width will remain unchanged. • When Proportional is checked, changing a value automatically changes the other one, keeping the size proportional. □ Text must have more than one line in order to change the text height.
Working with Bitmaps					
Scanning	●	●	●		Scanning allows you to convert a printed image into an electronic image.
Rasterize	●				From the **Bitmap** menu, select **Rasterize**. You can edit the following attributes: **Keep Original** Checking this option will preserve the original objects, a new rasterized image will be placed on top of original objects. **Create mask** When this option is checked, the shape of the new bitmap will be the same as the original objects. **Transparent** When this option is checked, the background color of the bitmap will be set to be transparent. **Resolution** The resolution of the new bitmap. **Color Mode** The color mode of the new bitmap. **Margin** The white space around the bitmap.
Colormode	●				**Available Color Models** Colors can be defined using the following

					models: **RGB** The color is expressed as a combination of red, green and blue values. This is the color model most commonly used for computer graphics. **CMYK** The color is expressed as a combination of cyan, magenta, yellow and black values. This is the color model most commonly used in color printing. **LAB** The CIE LAB model is a device-independent color model that expresses color using a luminance value and two chrominance values. **HSB** The color is expressed using values for hue, saturation and brightness. **Spot** The color is selected from a number of lists of standard ink or ribbon colors provided by established suppliers. **Duotone** Duotone colors are made by overlaying two spot colors. The color that is printed first is called the base color, and the color that is printed on top of the base is called the top color.
Marquee	•	•			Marquees select part of the image and allow only that part to be edited. The marquee can have any shape and its border is marked by a flashing dotted line.
Move	•	•			The Move tool copies selected portions of bitmaps, marked by marquees.
Eraser	•	•			The Eraser tool is used to remove unwanted parts of a bitmap, to restore an edited bitmap to its original image or fill an area with the background color.

Pencil	•	•			The Pencil tool will create freehand lines on a bitmap using the foreground color.
Fill	•	•			The Fill tool fills areas of a bitmap with the foreground color.
Crop	•	•			The Crop tool allows you to select part of a bitmap and delete the rest of it.
AutoTrace	•	•	•		AutoTrace traces each shape in the bitmap.
ColorTrace	•				The Color Tracing converts a color bitmap into colored paths. The color trace process involves two steps. The first is Posterizing, which reduces the number of colors. Then the posterized image is traced into objects with different colors.
Working with Effects					
Color Trapping	•				The Color Trapping effect removes most of the overlapping material between objects. The effect leaves enough overlapping material to ensure that no gaps will exist between the objects, even if the registration is slightly off.
Graphic Styles					Styles allow you to capture and apply the fill, stroke and effects from one object to another.
Contour	•	•	•		Contour Cut is a feature that creates a cutting line around objects, either vector or bitmaps. This allows you to output an image in a printer and then cut its contours using a cutting plotter.
Working with Measurements and Labels					
Dimensions / Labels	•	•			The software allows you to measure, label and dimension objects. By using the measuring tools, you can indicate the horizontal, vertical or diagonal dimensions of the design, or label objects.
Automatic Dimension	•	•			The Automatic Dimension tool allows you to automatically create horizontal and vertical dimension lines around objects.

					These dimensions lines are not linked to the object and will not be automatically updated if the object changes size.
Dimension to Page	•	•			The Dimension to Page tool allows you to automatically create horizontal and vertical dimension lines that measure the position of the object to the lower left corner of the design area. These dimension lines are linked to the object and will be updated if the objects change position.
Cutting your Design					
Cut/Plot	•	•	•	•	The Cut/Plot dialog box gives you complete control over how the job is produced.

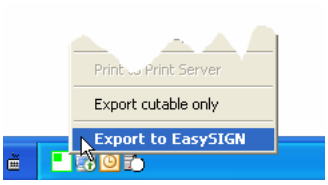
EasySIGN Instruction

The user manual of EasySIGN software is available on the EasySIGN program CD, or you can refer to the getting started manual available on the EasySIGN webpage at http://www.easysign.com/mainwebv1/DownGT.aspx.

GCC AASII Corpmark System

This application note will show you how to use the GCC AASII corpmark system. It assumes that you have installed your GCC plotter correctly, and that you are able to cut simple jobs on it. If not, please refer to the “Getting started” manual available through the menu "Help, Various, GettingStarted.pdf".

1. Make or import a design



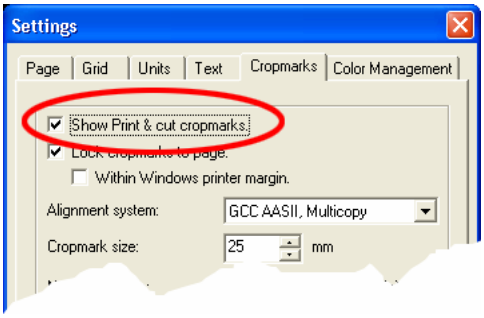
You can either make the design in EasySIGN or import an existing design from another application. For making the design in EasySIGN refer to the "Getting Started" manual. To import a design (for example an Adobe illustrator file) into EasySIGN, use either the compatibility option, or use direct import (menu : "File, Import"). The easiest way is to use compatibility. To do this, start EasySIGN, then use the menu “File, Compatibility”, and click the software of your choice.

This software will now start, and can be used to design or open the required job. Click the icon in the system tray to easily send the file into EasySIGN.

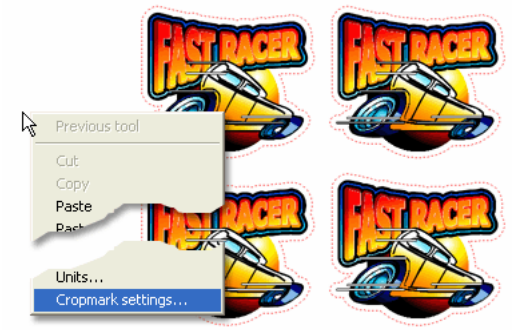
2. Create print & cut lines.

When your design is successfully imported into EasySIGN, you should then select the line or lines that you want to cut on your plotter. After selecting them, use the command “Edit, Convert to, Line type, Print&cut line”. The lines that will be cut are now shown in a dotted red line. Copy the design as you like.

3. Enable the cropmarks.



Right-click on an empty part of the worksheet, and choose the command “Cropmark settings”.



This will show a dialog.

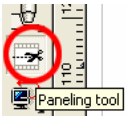
Please tick the box called “Show Print & cut cropmarks”.

Next, you need to make a choice which system that you want to use, there are three different systems:

GCC AASII	This system uses four cropmarks, and one copy. It is meant for jobs that are not very large (like 60 cm or smaller) and that are going to be printed on single sheets.
GCC AASII, Multicopy	Use this system when you want to cut multiple copies of a small job. This will give you very high accuracy, but the plotter will scan every copy of the job separately, which is of course slower than one big job.
GCC AASII, Multisegment	Use this system when the job is large. We recommend it for jobs bigger than 60 centimeter. It will place extra markers on the sheet, which will enhance the accuracy but will take extra time to scan.

The size of the cropmarks is fixed at 25 mm. Just click “OK” to close the dialog. If you have chosen the “Multicopy” cropmarks, there will be extra settings for horizontal copies, vertical copies etc, please ignore these for now, we will get back to them later.

4. Position the cropmark



Use the panelling tool from the left toolbox to drag the cropmarks around your job.

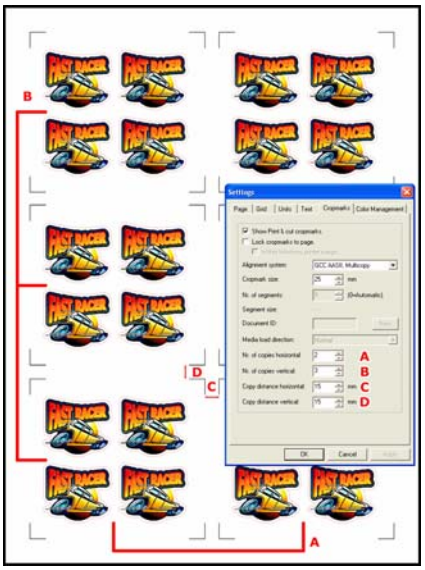
Make sure that the cropmarks have some white space around them, there should not be any objects inside them, to make sure they can be scanned accurately.

5. Export the job for printing

Your design is now ready for production. Click “File, Export”, and a dialog will come up that enables you to create a file. We advise you to use “EPS Encapsulated Postscript (*.EPS)” as the output format, this can be read by any RIP or other print software. Print the resulting EPS file with the software of your choice.

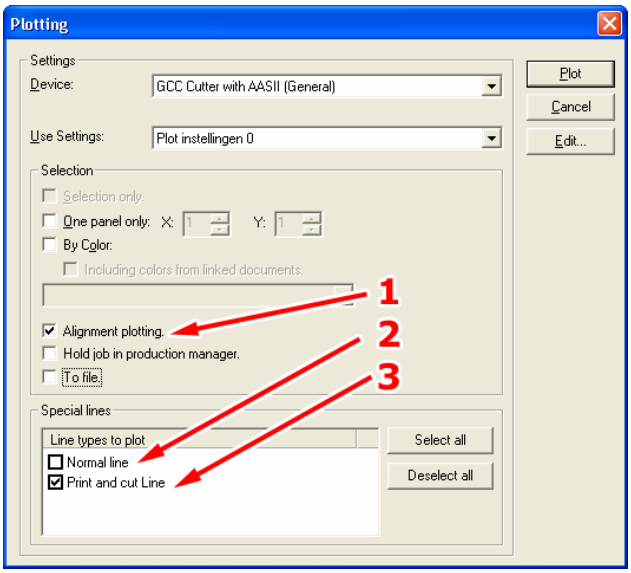
6. Cut the result

Place the resulting print in your plotter. Set the plotter to “offline” and use the arrow keys to position the laser within the lower right cropmark, then set the plotter to “online”.



If you have chosen the cropmarks “Multicopy”, there is one extra step: right-click the page and go to the “Cropmark settings” dialog again. In the dialog, enter the correct values for “nr. Of copies horizontal”, “Nr of copies vertical” and “Copy distance horizontal”, “copy distance vertical”, then click “OK”.

In the EasySIGN software, choose “File, Plotting”. A dialog will come up that allows you to change the plotter settings.



Just make sure that the following settings are made:

Alignment plotting (1)	Switched on
Normal line (2)	Switched off
Print and cut line (3)	Switched on

Then click “OK”. Your plotter will then start scanning the cropmarks, and after that the job will be cut.

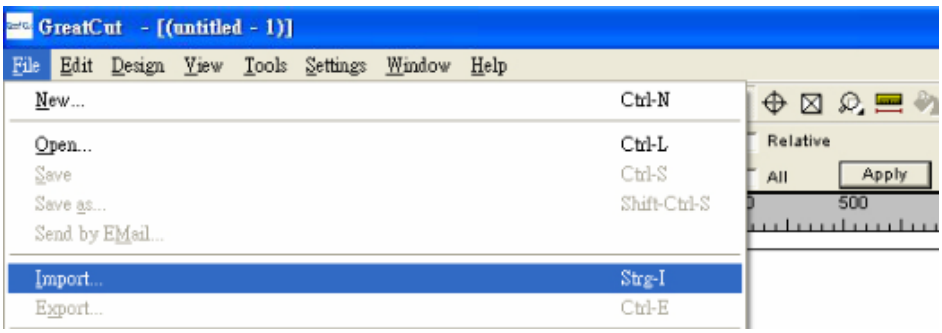
GreatCut Instruction

The user manual of GreatCut software is available on the GCC installation CD.

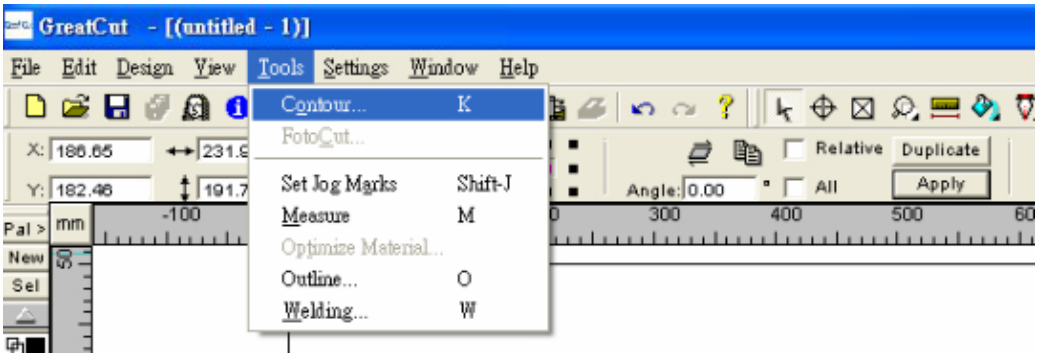
GCC AASII System

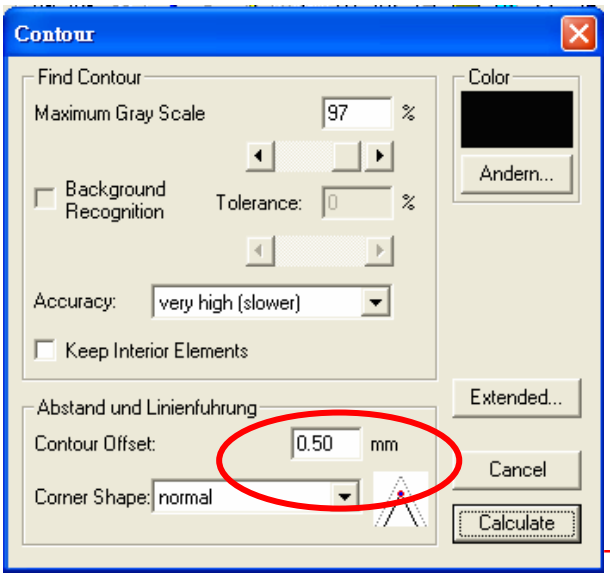
Below are step-by-step instructions when using the AAS function of GreatCut software.

Step 1 Import the image you want to print and cut.



Step 2 Add the contour line.

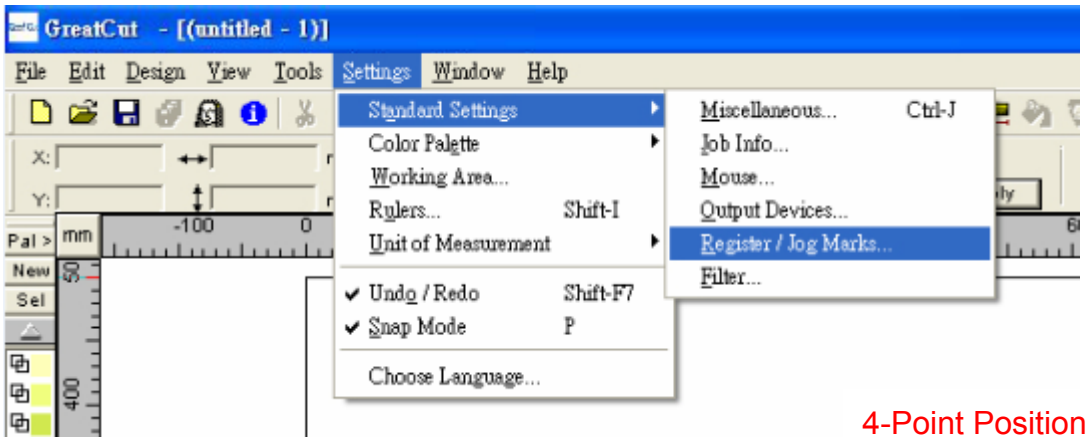


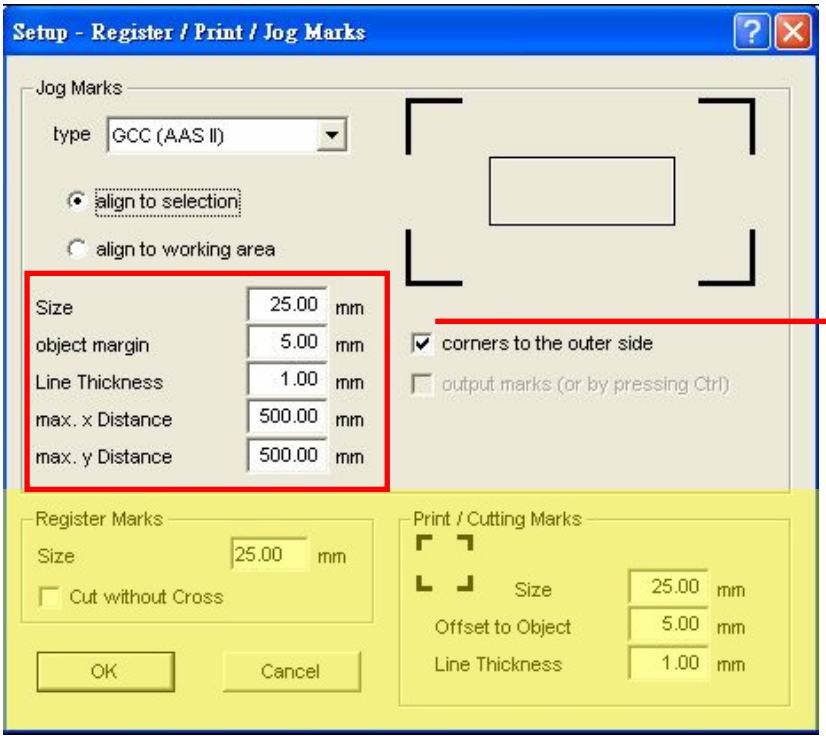


The value of Contour Offset should be ≥ 0.5mm.

Step 3 Add the registration marks

Set up the value of registration marks.





4-Point Positioning

- Size: The length of marks
  → Range: 5mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 25mm
- Object margin: The distance between marks and images
  → Range: 0mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 5mm
- Line thickness: the line thickness of marks
  → Range: 1mm~2mm
  → Optimized Setting: 1mm

Segmental Positioning

- Max. x Distance: The distance of intermediate position on the X axis
  → Range: 200-500 mm
- Max. y Distance: The distance of intermediate position on the Y axis
  → Range: 200-500 mm

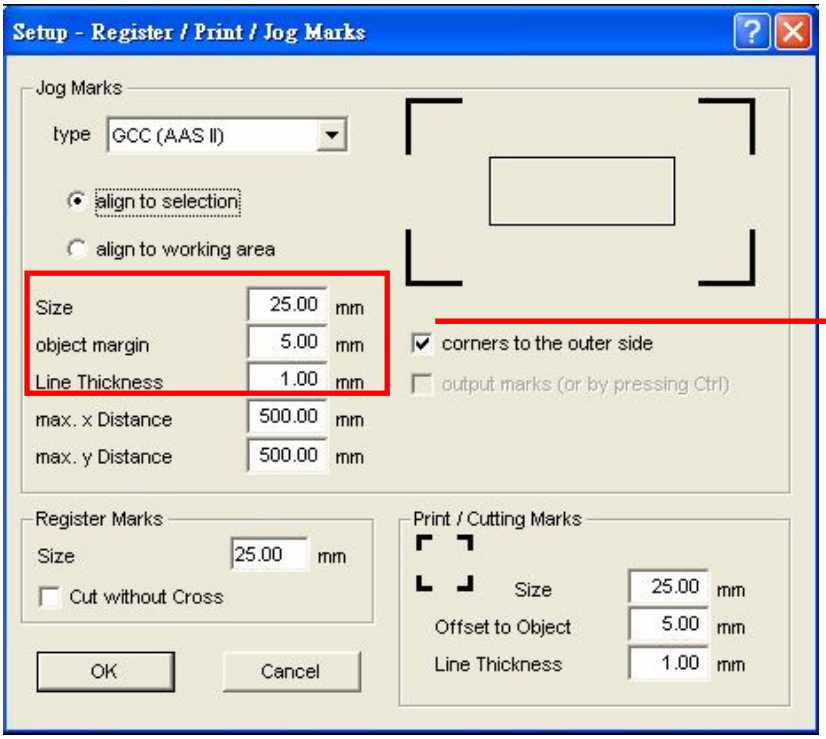
Note:

1. Jog Marks are Registration Marks; please adjust your parameters in this section. Please DO NOT make any changes to the “Register Marks” and “Print/Cutting Marks” sections highlighted in yellow.

2. Three types of registration marks and the ways of setting them are introduced in the following steps.

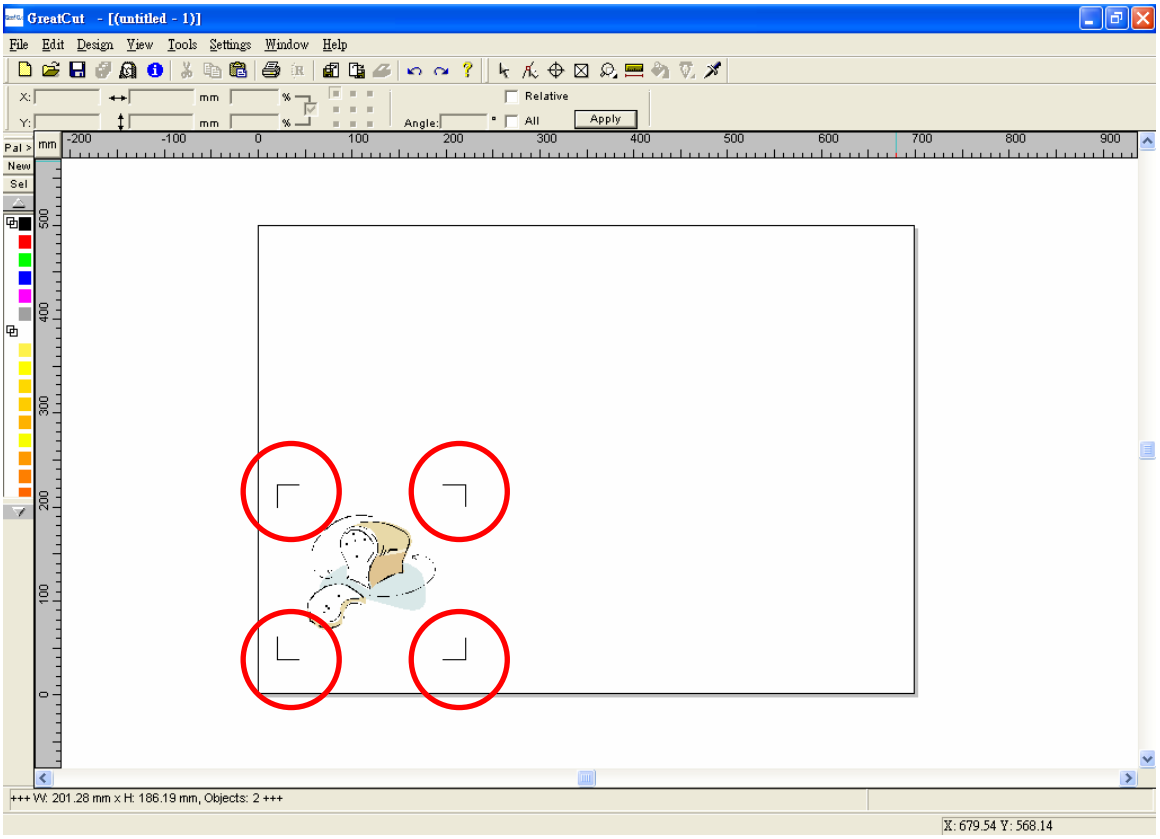
4-Point Positioning

Adjust the size, object margin and line thickness of your registration marks. After this is finished, click “Set Jog Marks” under “Tools”.



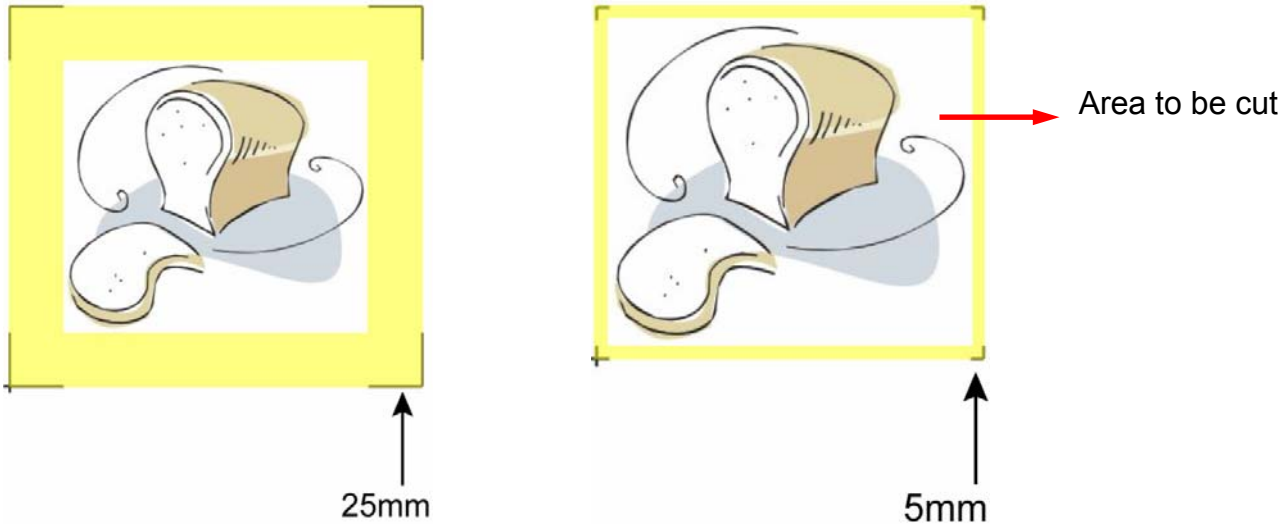
- Size: The length of marks
  → Range: 5mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 25mm
- Object margin: The distance between marks and images
  → Range: 0mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 5mm
- Line thickness: the line thickness of marks
  → Range: 1mm~2mm
  → Optimized Setting: 1mm

The system will create the 4 marks as shown in the picture below.


GreatCut - [(untitled - 1)]
File Edit Design View Tools Settings Window Help
Relative
All
Apply
+++ W: 201.28 mm x H: 186.19 mm, Objects: 2 +++
X: 679.54 Y: 568.14

Note:

1. To save your materials, in addition to amending object margins, you can also adjust the length of the registration marks (5mm minimum) when you apply the above function(see table 1 for suggestions based on different material sizes). The smaller the size is, the smaller the distance between the object and the registration marks is (see the figures below).



Page size (unit: inch)	Suggested mark length (unit: mm)
A6 (4.13 × 5.83)	5
A5 (5.83 × 8.27)	8
A4 (8.27 × 11.69)	11
A3 (11.69 × 16.54)	16
A2 (16.54 × 23.39)	23
A1 (23.39 × 33.11) and above	25*

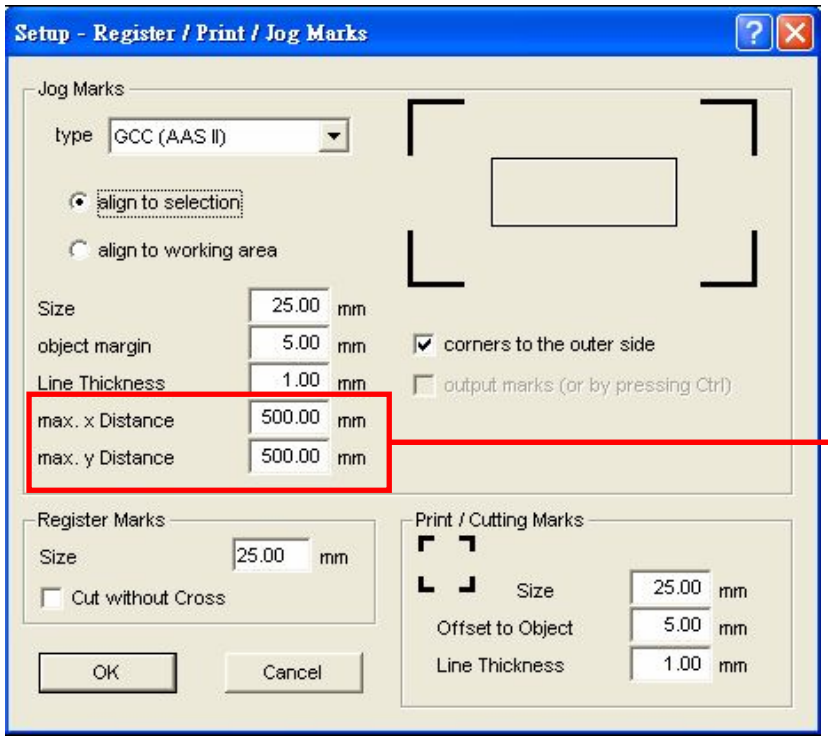
Table 1

*25mm is the suggested value for the registration mark length

2. The size of the registration marks would affect the accuracy of registration mark detection so please make sure the amount you enter is reasonable.

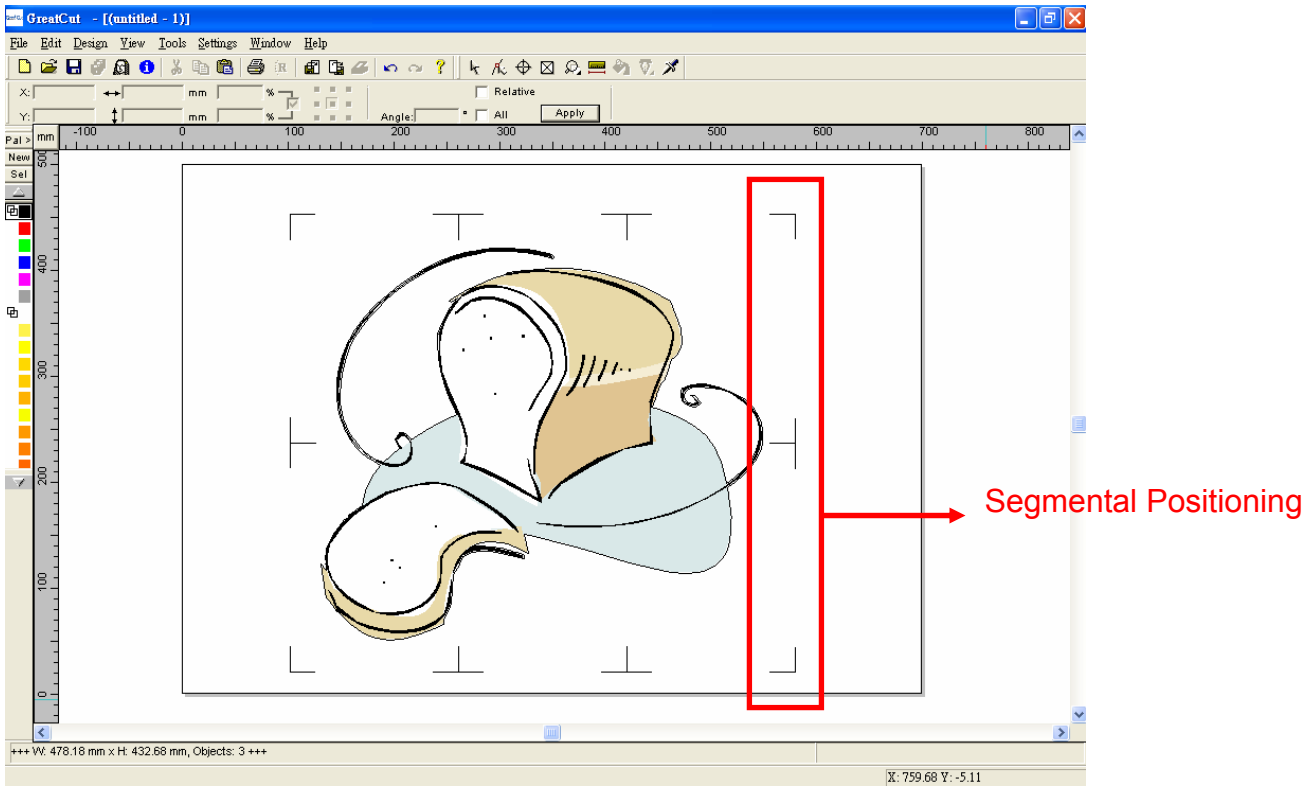
Segmental Positioning

For precise cutting quality, it is suggested to select “Segmental Positioning” by adjusting the x and y distance when you are working on an extra long or large-size image to increase cutting quality.

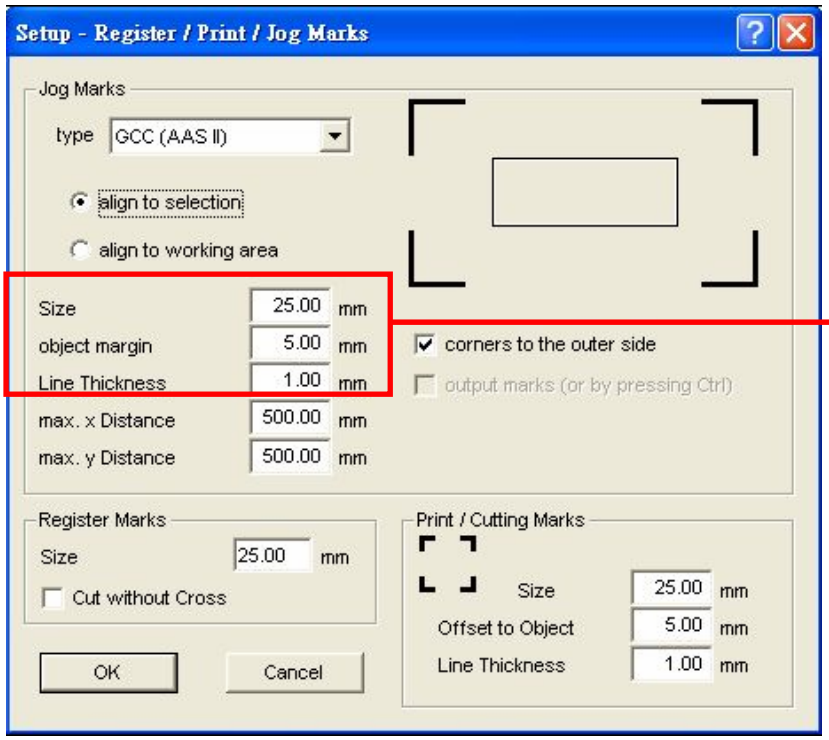


- Max. x Distance: The distance of intermediate position on the X axis
  → Range: 200-500 mm
- Max. y Distance: The distance of intermediate position on the Y axis
  → Range: 200-500 mm

The system will create the marks as shown in the picture below.

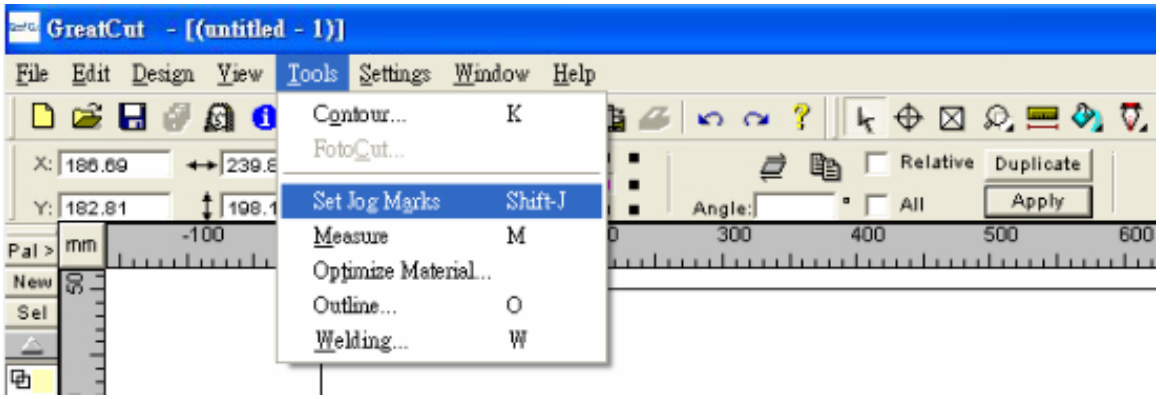


Multiple Copies

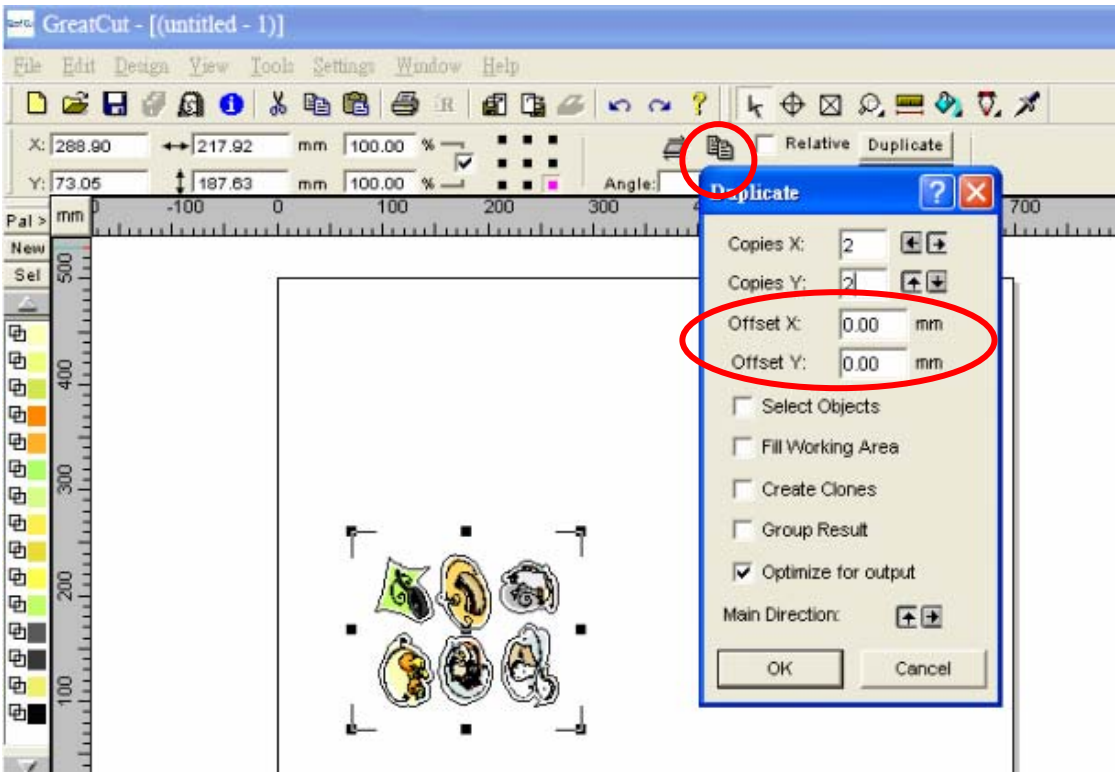


When you apply the “Multiple Copies” function, the value that has been set in this section will still be applied.

Set the registration marks.



Select the whole image including registration marks and click the multiple copies button.



Note: The spacing of vertical & horizontal (Offset X & Y) should be ≥ 20mm or = 0mm.

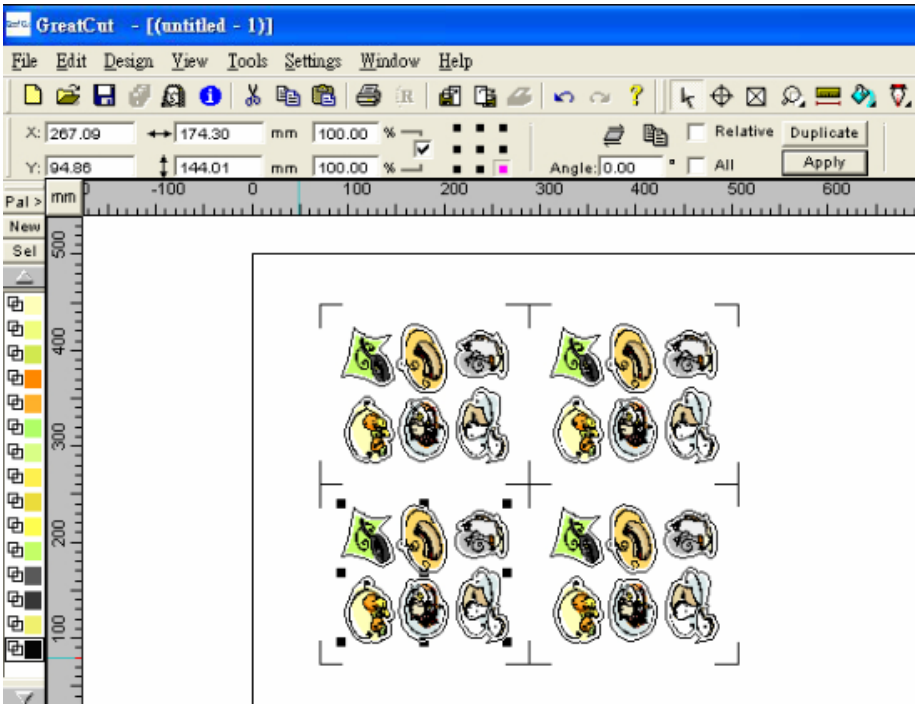
Step 4 Print out the image.

If you apply the Multiple Copies function, you will have to set up the multiple copies function with GCC cutting plotter by following the steps below.

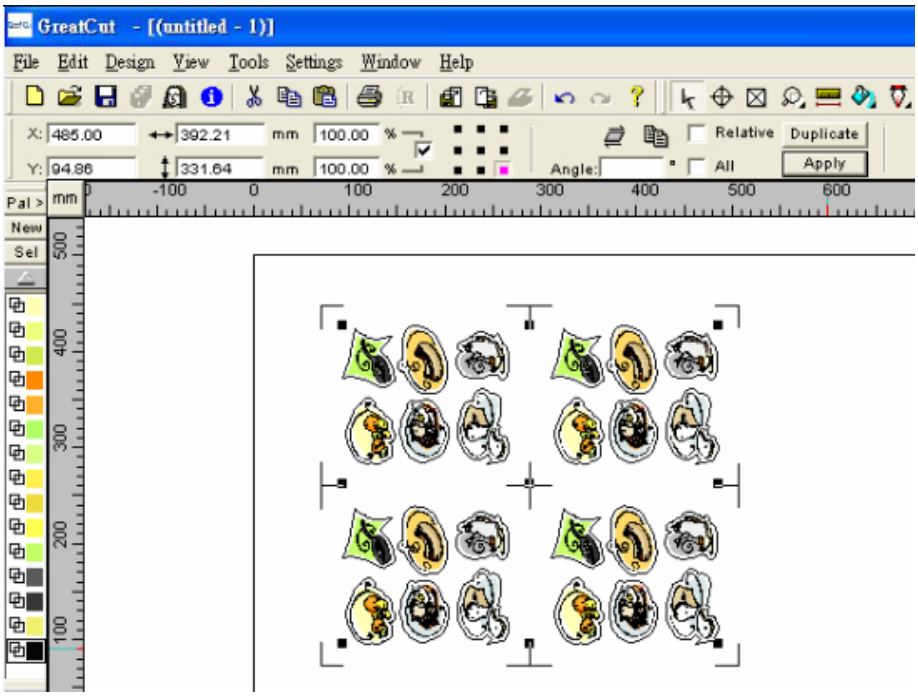
*Please note that you cannot select the whole images when output the multiple copies of images. You only need to select the contour line of original one and set up the value with GreatCut and then you can send it to GCC cutting plotter.

See the example as below.

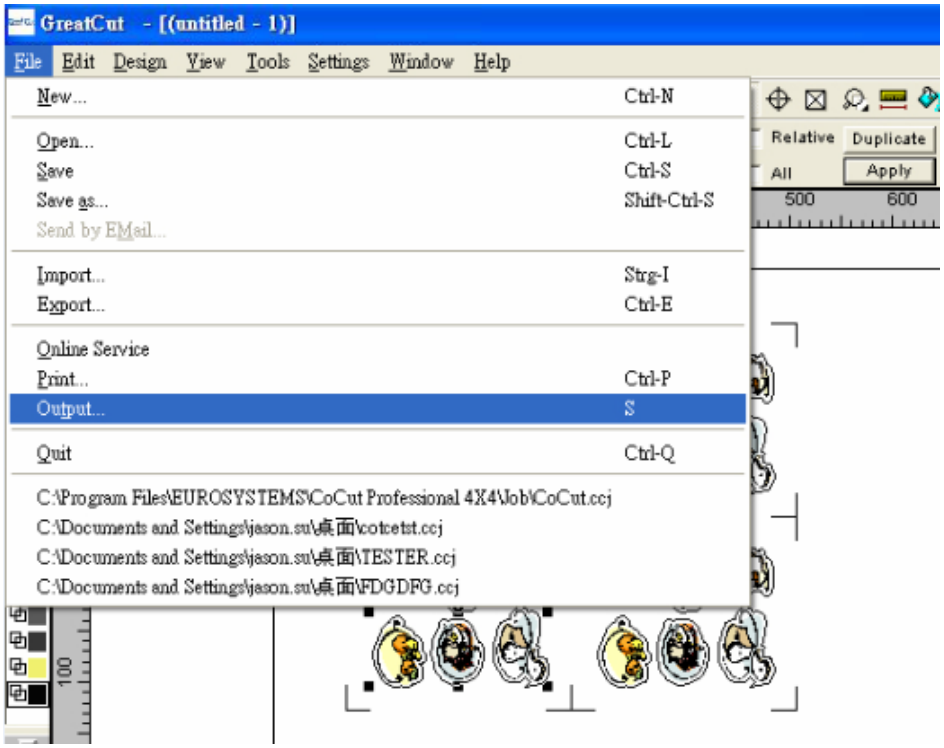
Right: (You should select the contour line but not the image.)



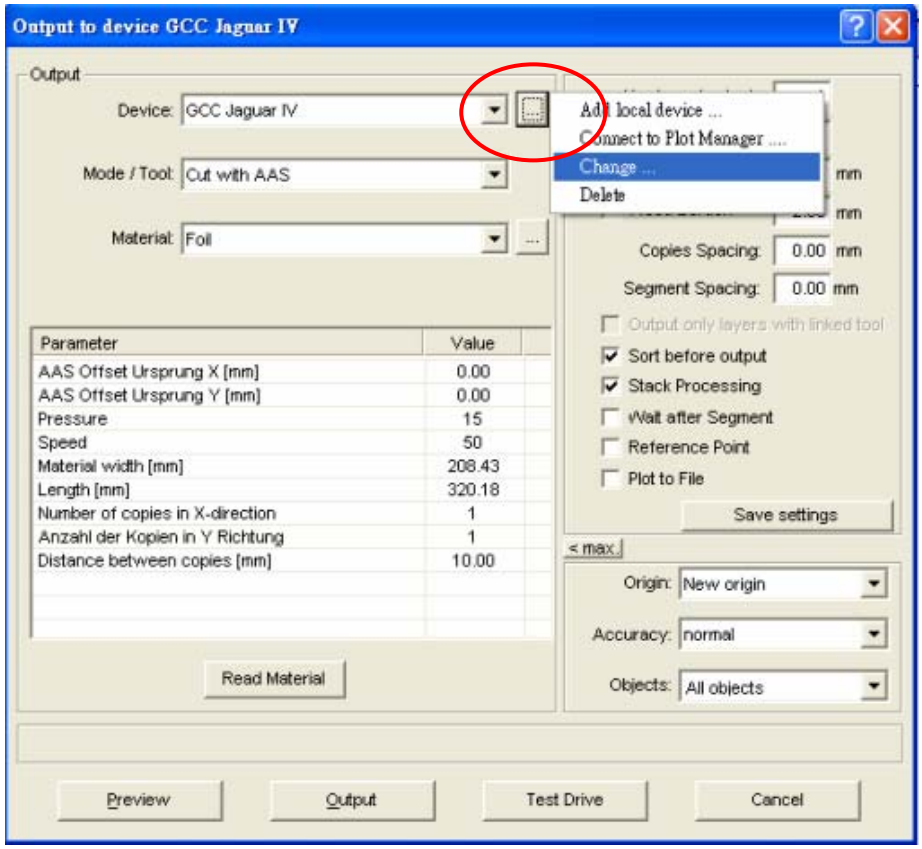
Wrong: (You cannot select the whole images.)



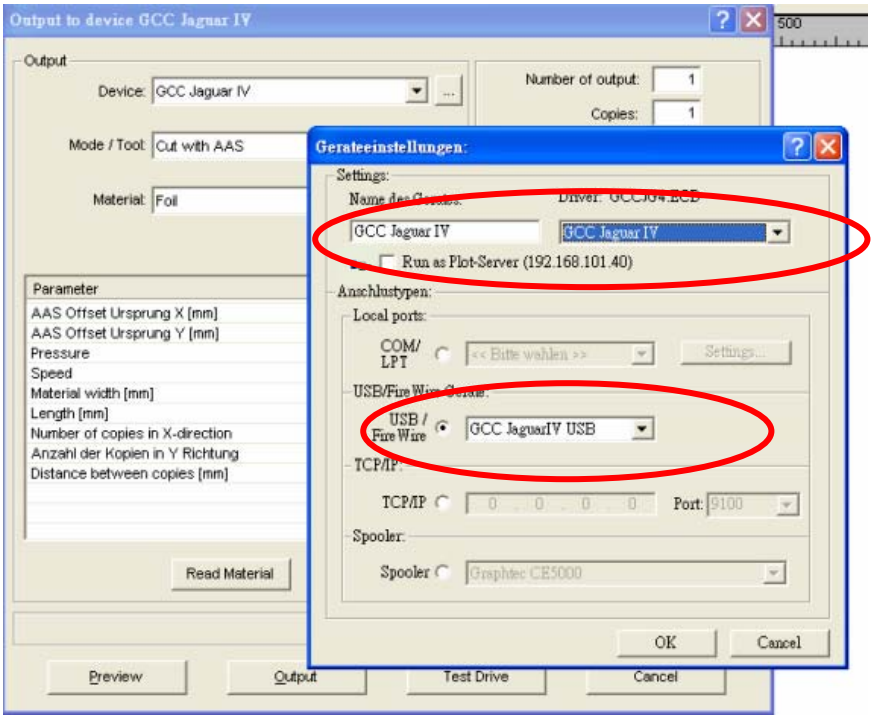
Now you can output the image.



A. Before output, you need to set up your cutter.



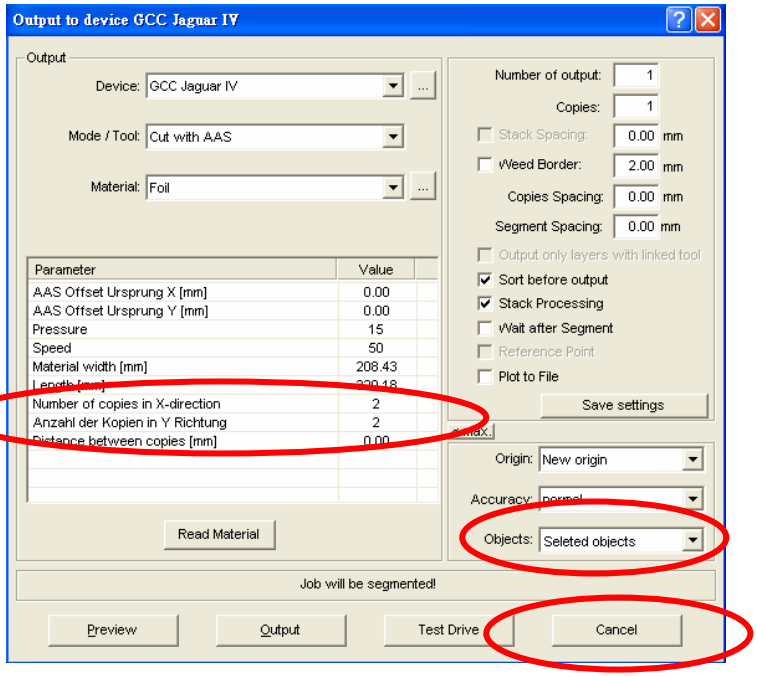
B. Select the series of cutter and the USB port.



C. Set up the number of copies you need to cut here.

Note:

1. The number of copies and distance between copies should be the same as you made above.
2. You should confirm that the option of objects must show “Selected objects”.



Step 5 You now have a perfectly cut image.

Enjoy!

Illustrator Plug-In Instruction

AASII VBA Installer is applicable for Illustrator Version CS3, CS4, CS5

Installation

1. Check the “AAS Illustrator Installer” folder in Jaguar IV Installation CD, and double click the “AASIIInstaller.exe” file to run the installation program.

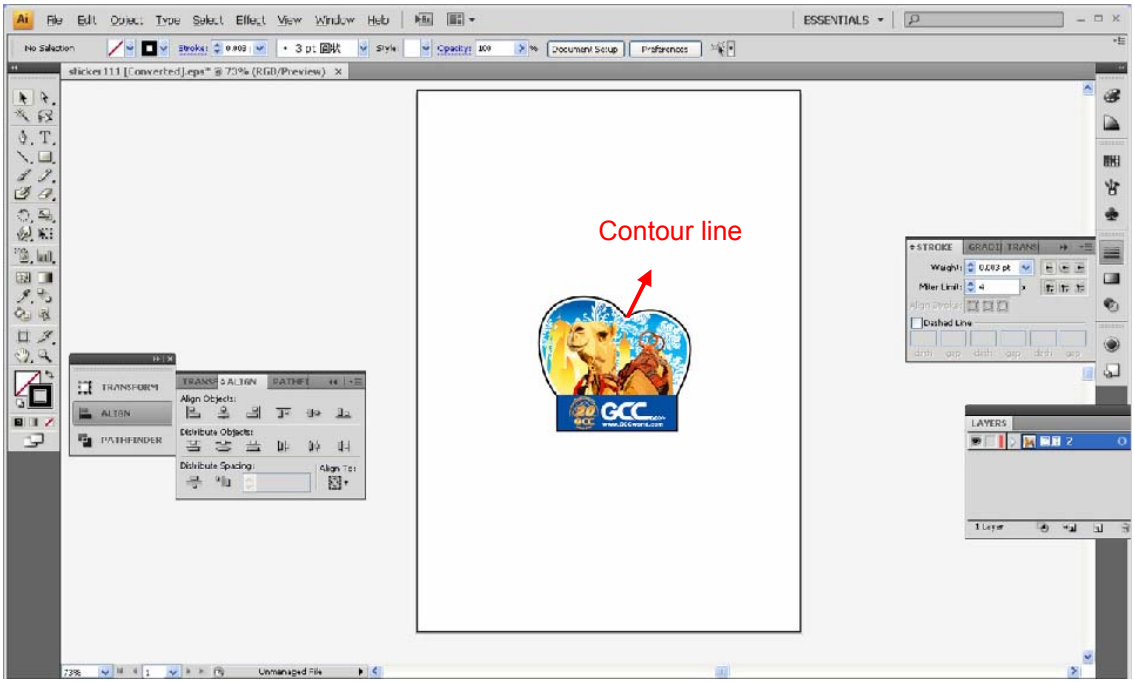
2. Press the “Install” button to begin installing GCC AASII Illustrator VBA.

GCC AASII Installer
Welcome to the installer for AAS II VBA on
CorelDRAW version 11 12 13 14 15 and
Adobe Illustrator CS3 CS4 CS5
It is strongly recommended that you exit
CorelDRAW and Illustrator program
before continuing
Install
Exit

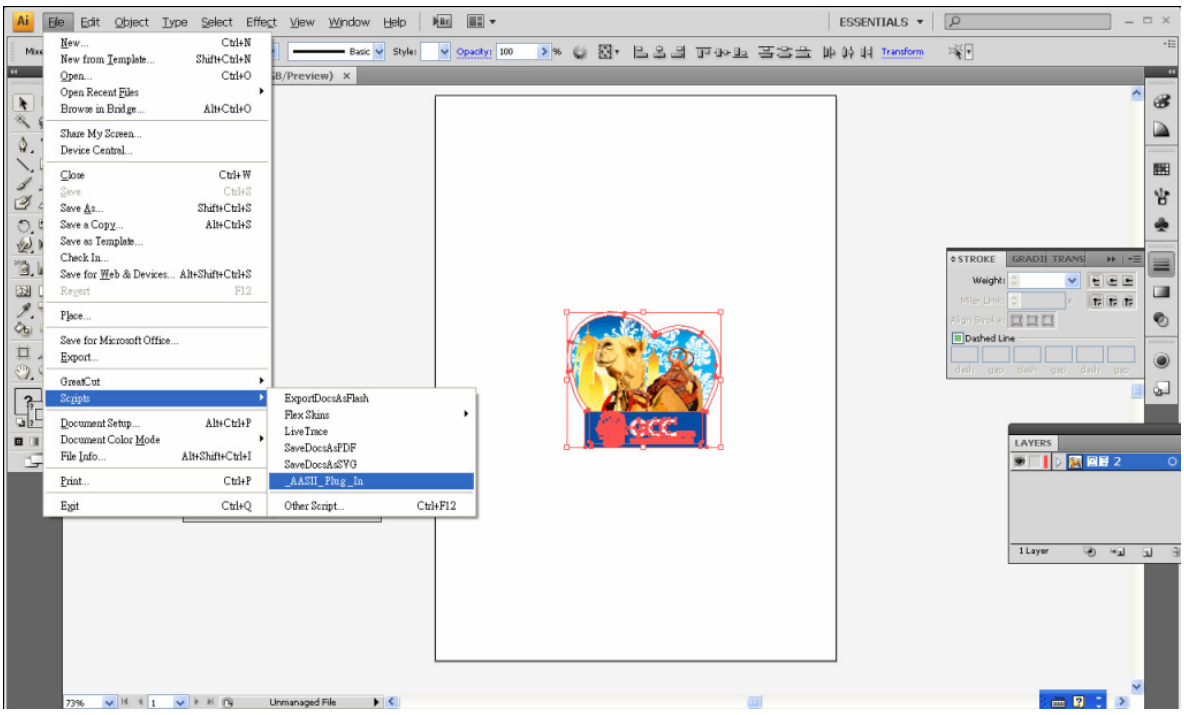
User Instructions

1) Open Illustrator.

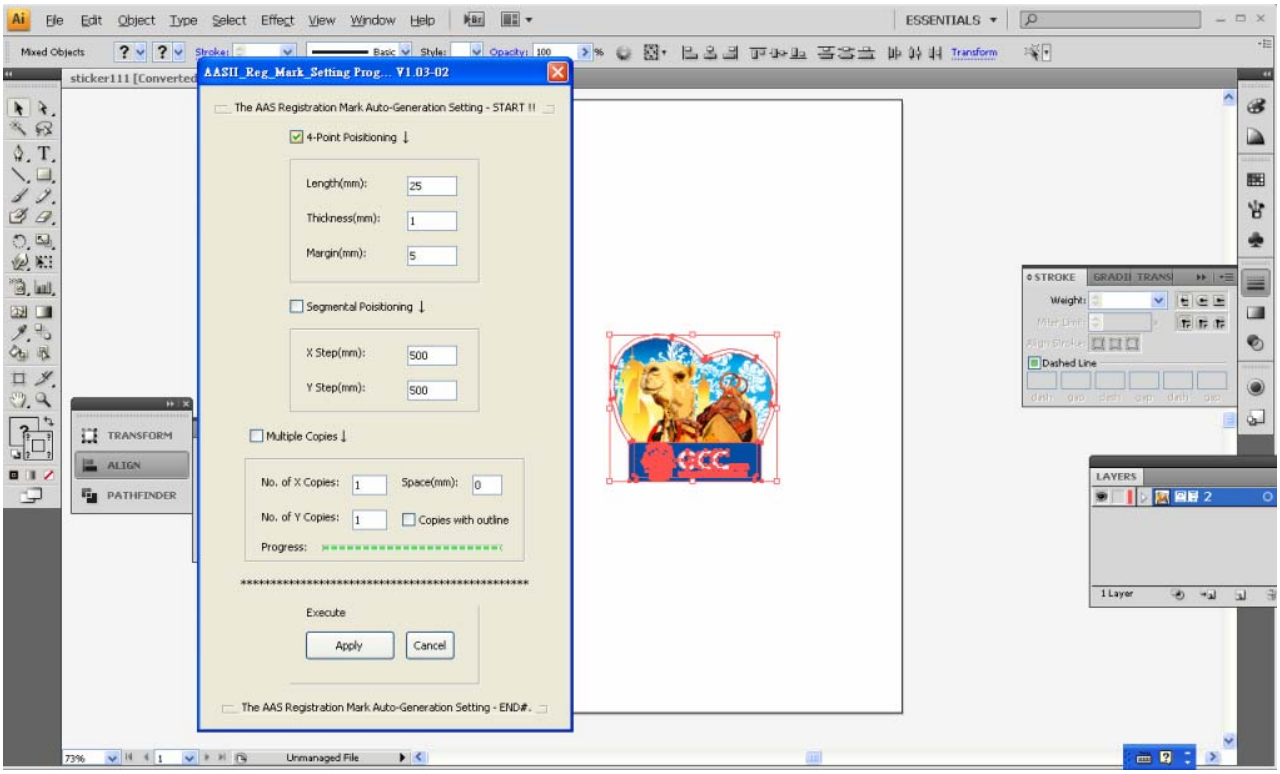
2) Edit your image and create a contour line (Note: you must have the line width set as 0.001mm).



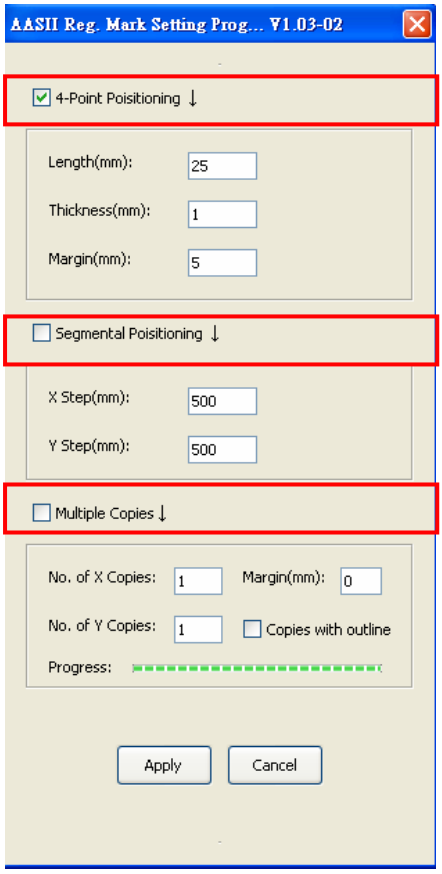
3) Click on the image and apply the AAS function (File→Scripts→_AASII_Plug_In)



4) Select the registration marks needed



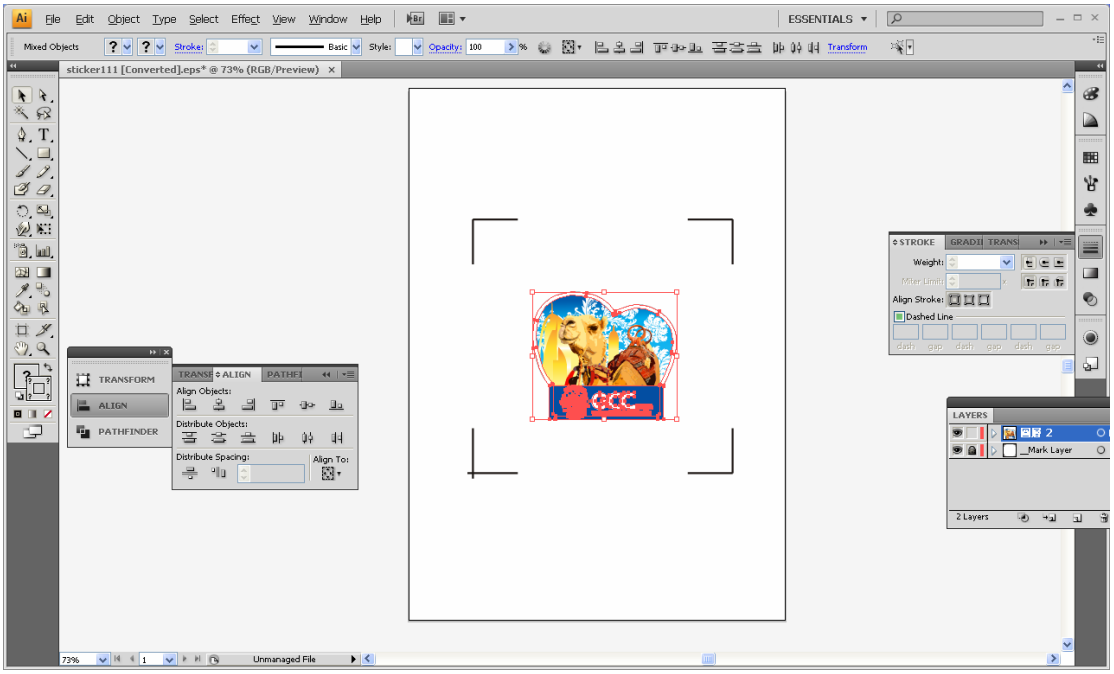
5) Three types of registration marks are introduced here: 4-Point Positioning, Segmental Positioning and Multiple Copies.



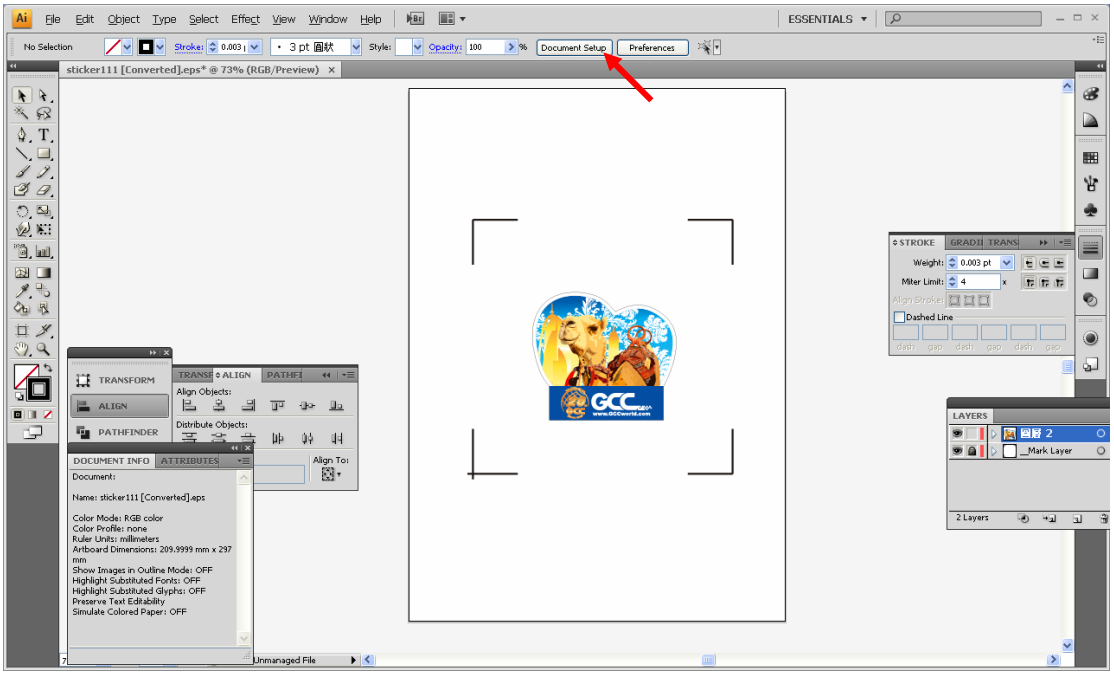
Note:

The values entered in the “4-Point Positioning” section (length, thickness and margin) will still be applied when you tick “Segmental Positioning” or “Multiple Copies”.

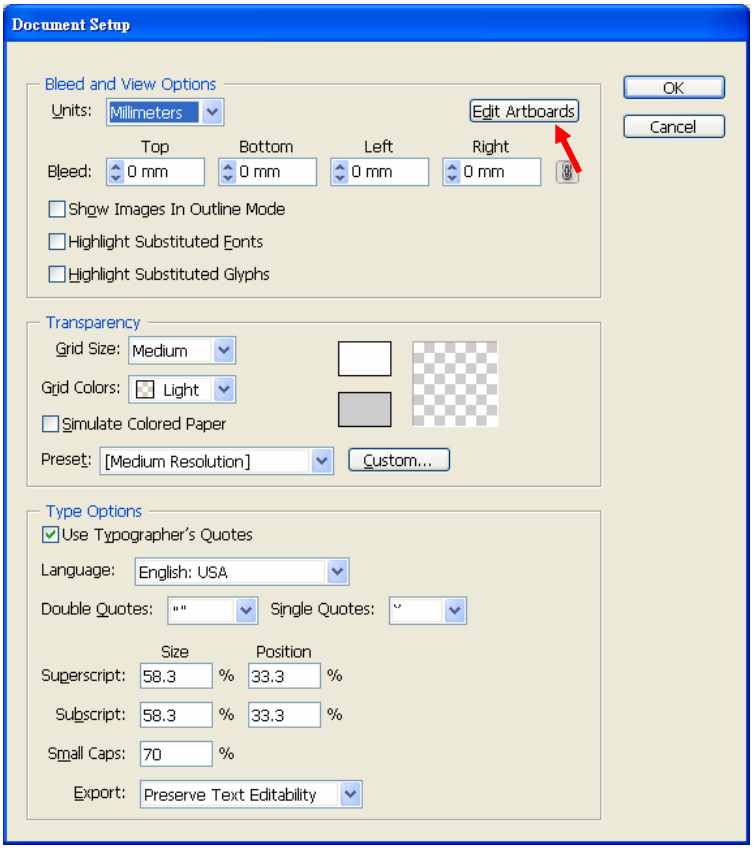
6) Confirm the registration marks (the 4-Point Position mark is used as an illustration in the following steps).



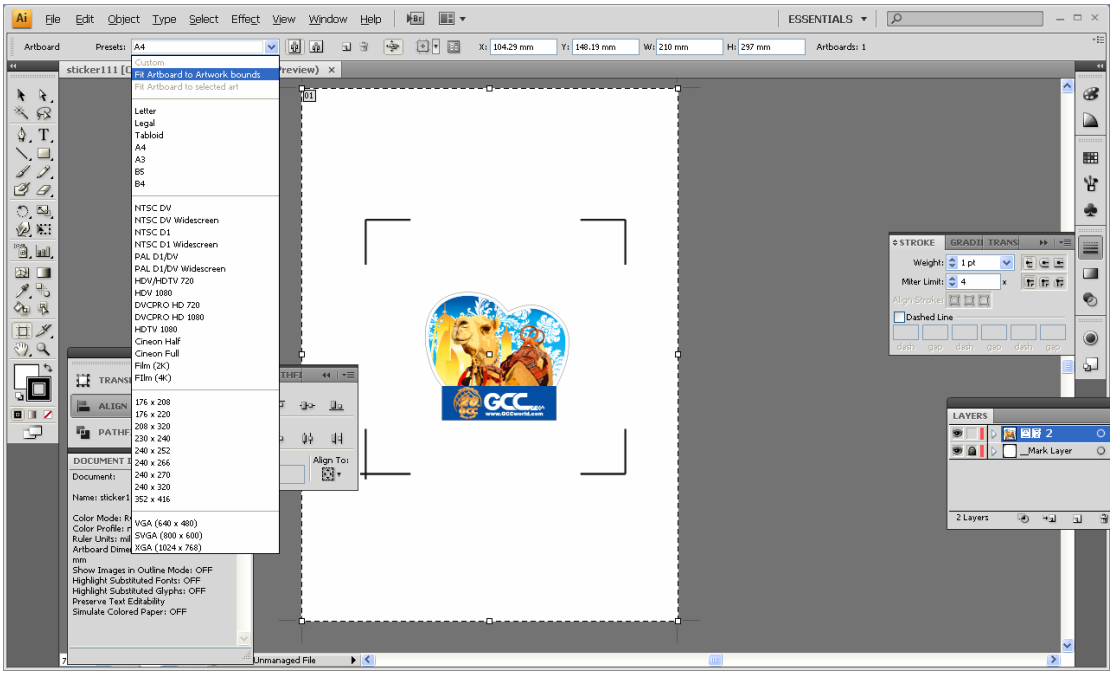
7) Click on the blank area on the page and then click “Document Setup”.



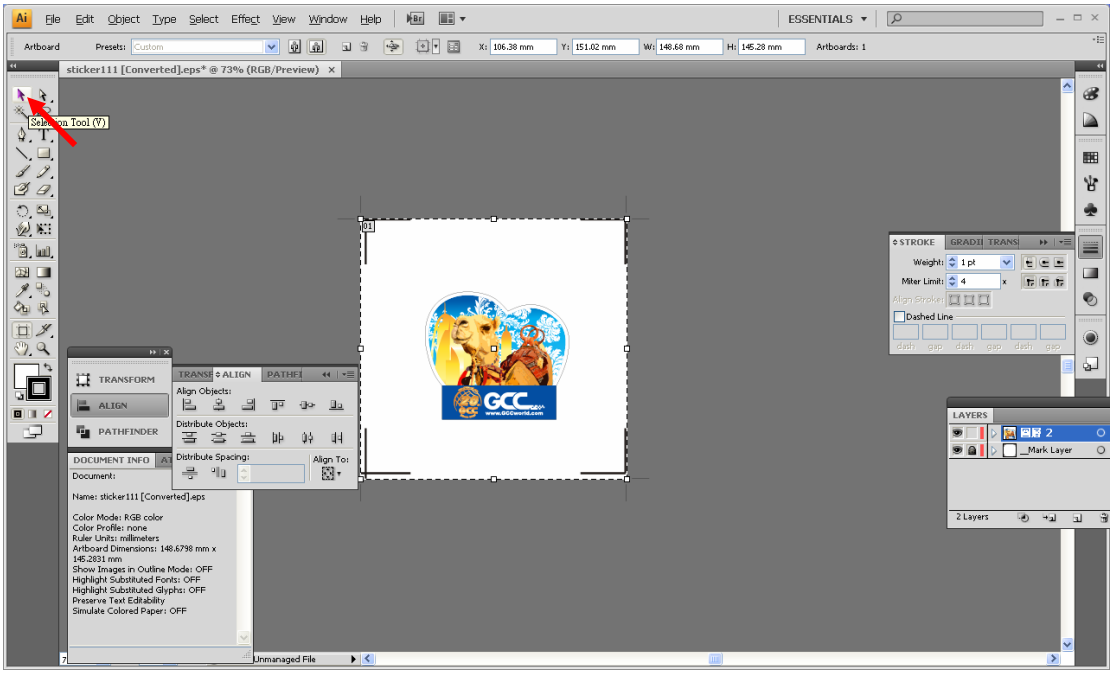
8) Hit “Edit Artboards”.



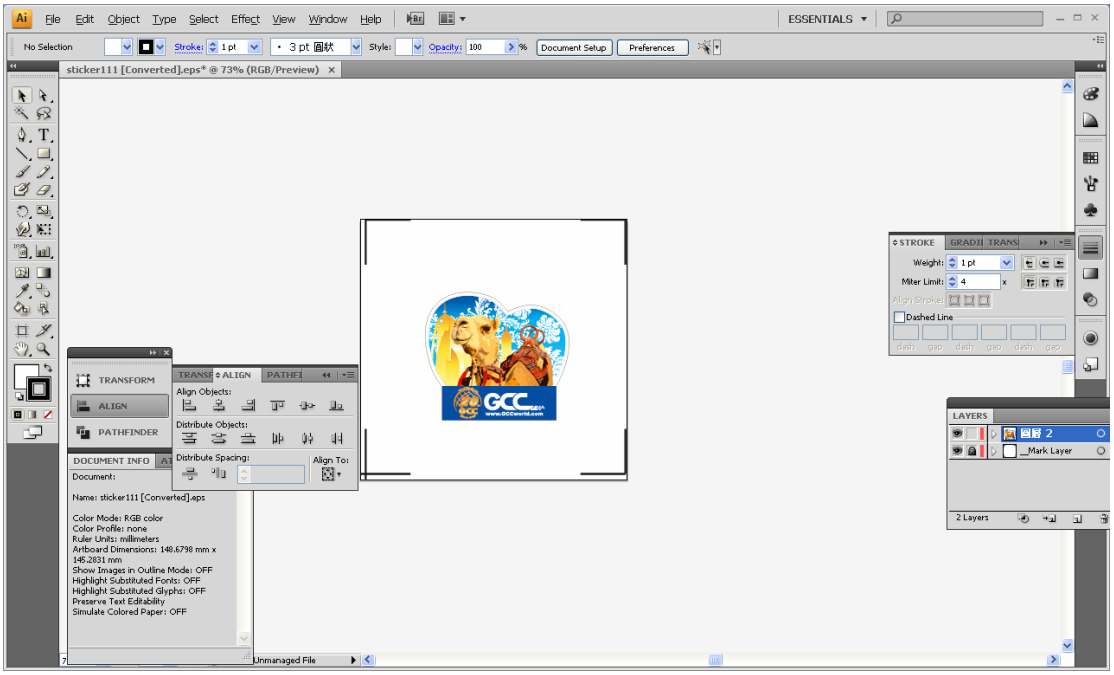
9) Click on “Presets → Fit Artboard to Artwork bounds”.



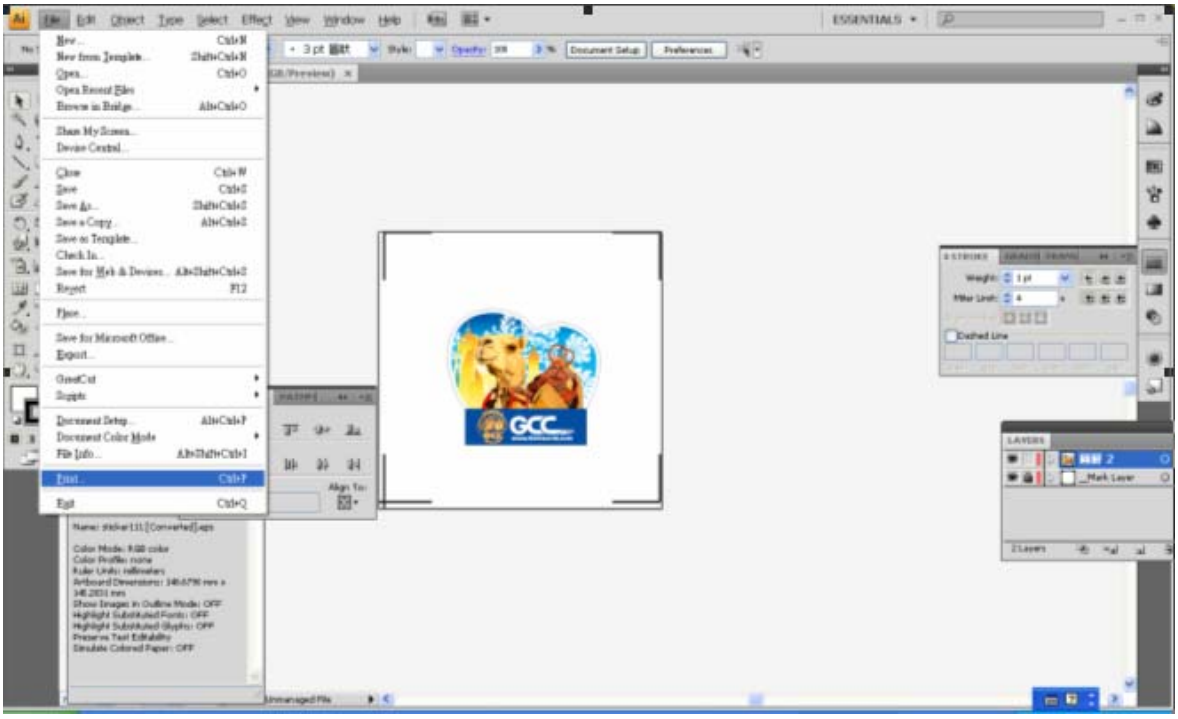
10) Please move your mouse to the tool bar on the left when step 10) is finished and then click “Selection Tool”.



11) This will take you back to the edit mode.

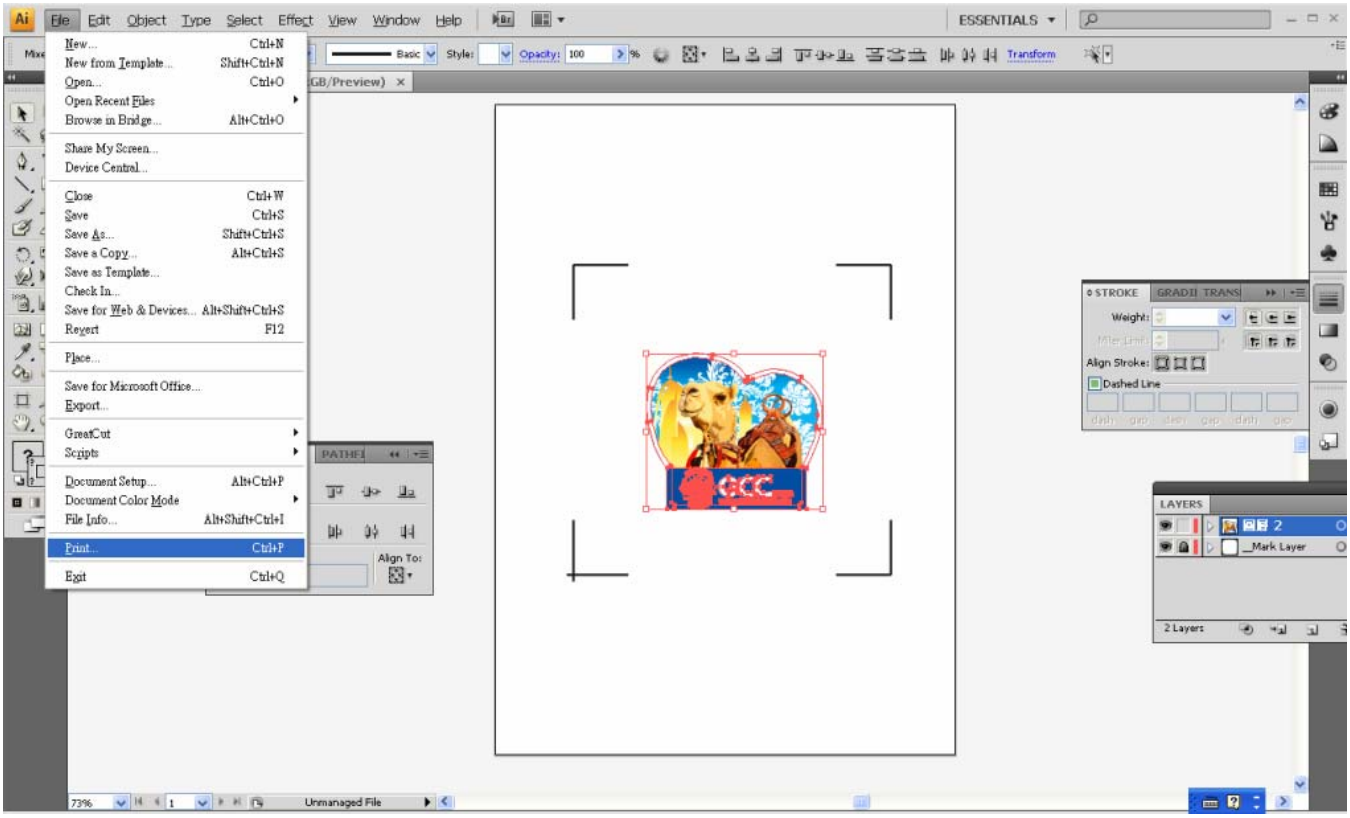


12) Print out the file with the contour line and the registration marks.

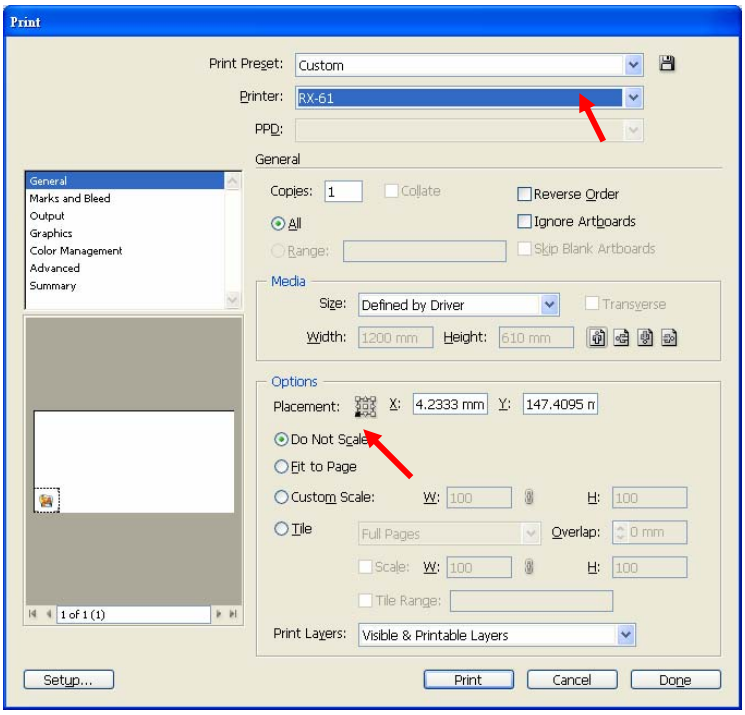


13) Place the printed file on the cutter, lower the pinch rollers and then position the carriage at the origin of the registration marks.

14) Send the file to the cutter.



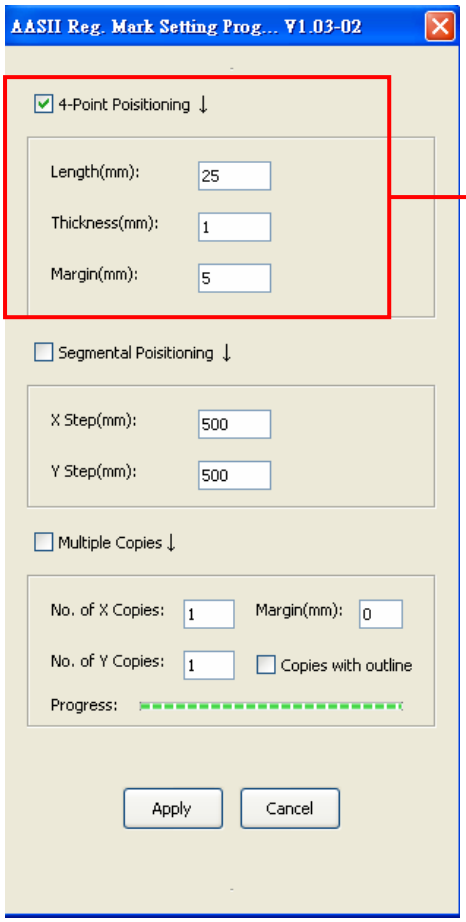
15) Select the cutter model, position the object in the bottom left corner and then click “Print”.



16) Your job is now completed.

Three types of registration marks

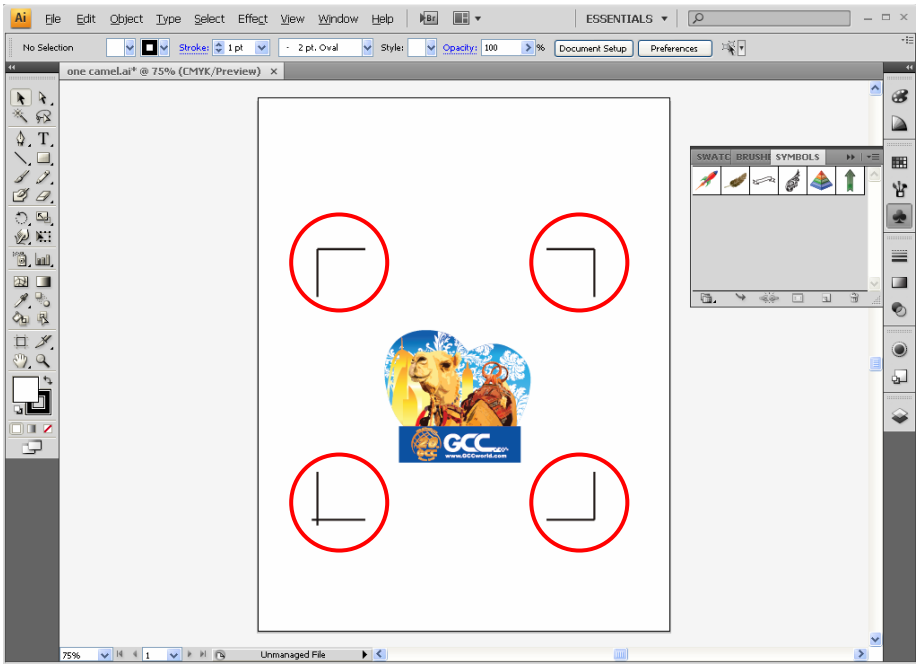
4-Point Positioning



4-Point Positioning

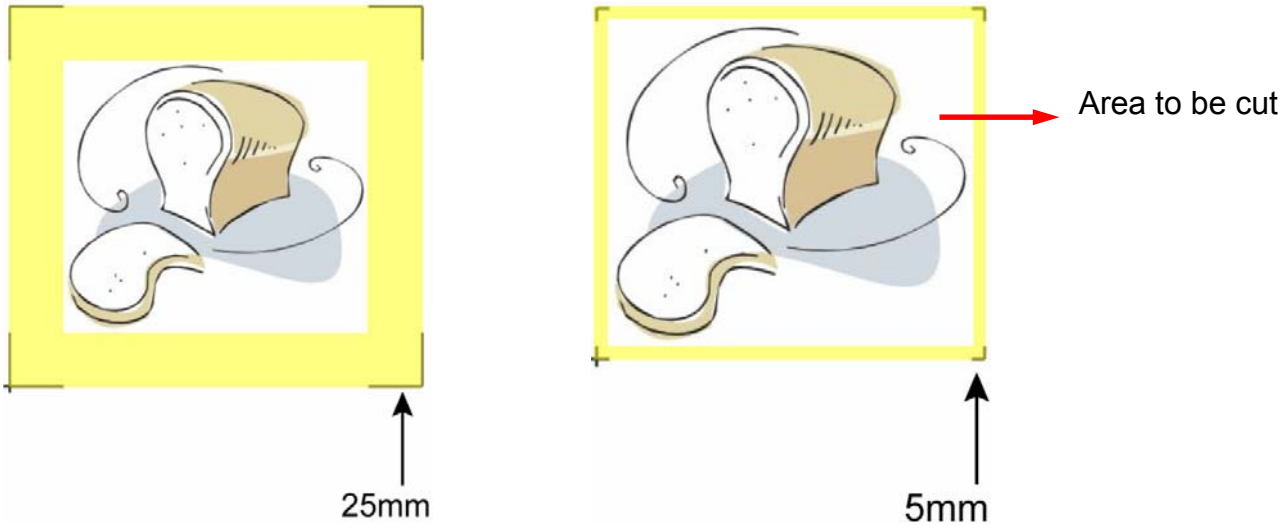
- Length: The length of marks
  → Range: 5mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 25mm
- Thickness: The line thickness of marks
  → Range: 1mm~2mm
  → Optimized Setting: 1mm
- Margin: The distance between marks and images
  → Range: 0mm~50mm
  → Optimized Setting: 5mm

The system will create the 4 marks as shown in the picture below.



Note:

1. To save your materials, in addition to amending object margins, you can also adjust the length of the registration marks (5mm minimum) when you apply 4-Point Positioning (see table 1 for suggestions based on different material sizes). The smaller the size is, the smaller the distance between the object and the registration marks is (see the figures below).



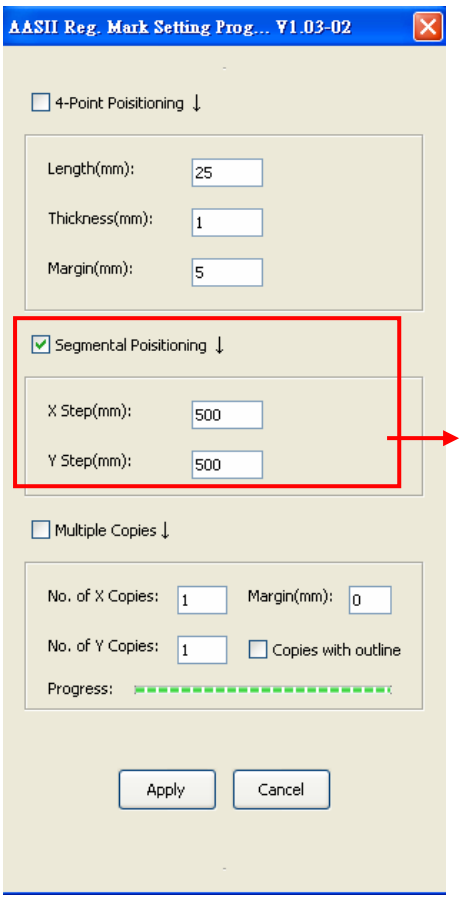
Page size (unit: inch)	Suggested mark length (unit: mm)
A6 (4.13 × 5.83)	5
A5 (5.83 × 8.27)	8
A4 (8.27 × 11.69)	11
A3 (11.69 × 16.54)	16
A2 (16.54 × 23.39)	23
A1 (23.39 × 33.11) and above	25*

Table 1

*25mm is the suggested value for the registration mark length

2. The size of the registration marks would affect the accuracy of registration mark detection so please make sure the amount you enter is reasonable.

Segmental Positioning

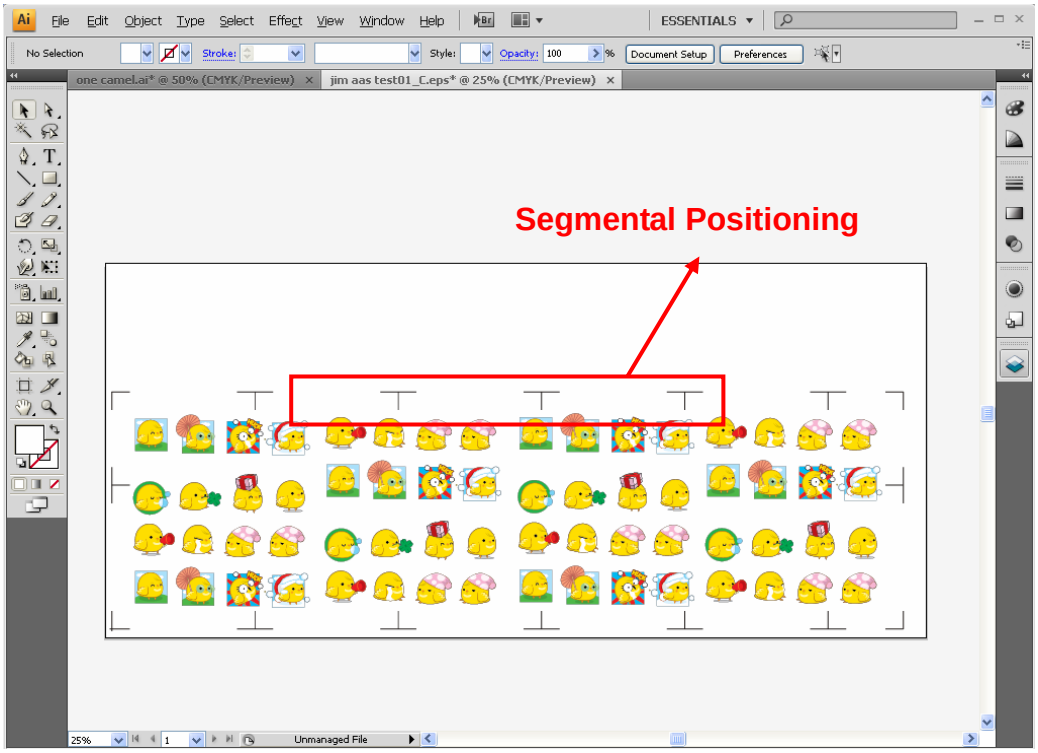


For precise cutting quality, it is suggested to select “Segmental Positioning” when you are working on an extra long or large-sized image to increase cutting accuracy.

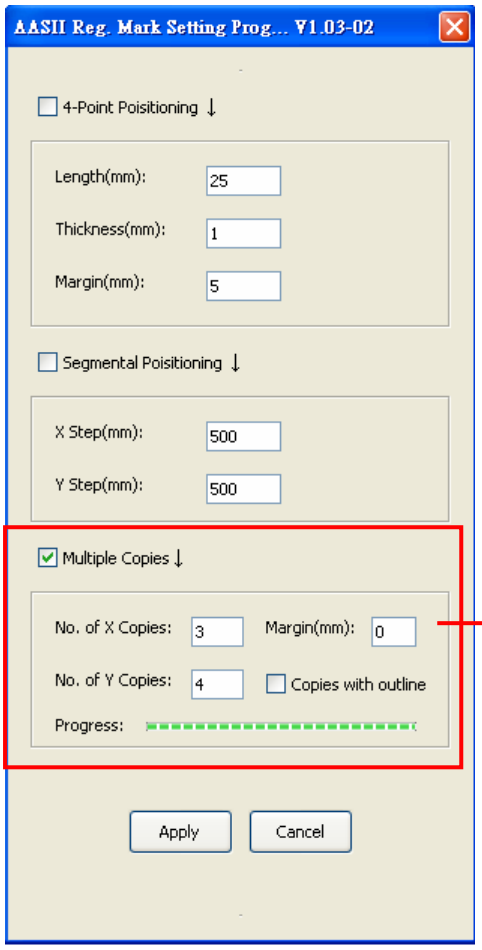
Segmental Positioning

- X Step: The distance of intermediate position on the X axis
- Y Step: The distance of intermediate position on the Y axis
  → Range: 200mm~600mm
  → Optimized Setting: Less than 500mm

The system will create the marks as shown in the picture below



Multiple Copies



It is suggested to select “Multiple Copies” when you would like to make several copies of one image on your material to increase cutting accuracy.

Multiple Copies

- No. of X Copies: The numbers of copies on X axis
- No. of Y Copies: The numbers of copies on Y axis
  → Range: 1~50. (The more copies you make, the more time is needed for data transmission.)
  → Numbers of X Copies * Numbers of Y Copies = The total amount of image copies
- Copies with outline：To show outlines of image graphics
- Margin: Space between marks; must be 0 or ≧ 20, no negative numbers allowed

The system will create the as shown in the picture below.